

2007 WORLD HARVEST FESTIVAL NATURE AND CULTURAL TOUR 10 DAYS 8 NIGHTS SARAWAK & SABAH

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DAY 1 – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MAY 19-20

Check in LAX Airport at 9.00 pm Saturday. Malaysia Airlines Flight MH95Q departing LAX at 1.40 am on Sunday, May 20 (early morning flight). Due to the International Dateline, you will lose one calendar day.

DAY 2 - MONDAY, MAY 21

Arrive at Taipai International Airport 6:25 AM. Connecting flight 69 at 8:00AM to Kota Kinabalu. Arriving at Kota Kinabalu International Airport at 11.25 am. Transfer to Hyatt Kota Kinabalu. Free afternoon and evening to enjoy

DAY 3 - TUESDAY, MAY 22

Kota Kinabalu Half day city tour during Sabah World Museum Week.

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

SEPILOK JUNGLE RESORT

After breakfast, check out from Hyatt Hotel and transfer to Kota Kinabalu International Airport for your flight to Sandakan. Arrive at Sandakan airport, meet and transfer to Sepilok Jungle Resort, enclosed within a tropical virgin rainforest and is just 5 minutes walk to the Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Immediately go over and watch one of the nature's most endangered animal species - the "orang utan" or "man of the jungle" in local language swing from branches to branches towards the feeding station. Evening relax at Sepilok Jungle Resort.

Optional tour - Sepilok Forest Night walk (maximum 2 hours walk).

DAY 5 - THURSDAY, MAY 24

SELINGAN TURTLE ISLAND (Limited Availability)

Boat Cruise through a mangrove forest, watch out for occasional stork-billed kingfishers perched on top of the branches. Arrive at Libaran Island for lunch and a chance to take a leisurely stroll through the quaint fishing village to witness the lifestyle of the villagers - you have to be there to experience and feel this special environment. After lunch, we will transfer to Selingan Turtle Island . Grab your mask, fins and snorkel and head to the beach where you can find lots of juvenile marine life. Before dinner, treat yourself to a slide show featuring information of the turtle park and turtles. After dinner, park rangers will take you to the egg-laying site to witness turtles lay eggs and also a chance to calculate the amount of eggs being laid on that night. You will also get a chance to hold and release young turtles to the ocean.

OR

GOMANTONG CAVES AND KINABATAGAN RIVER

Gomantong caves and river cruise. Drive to Gomatang for box lunch and visit Gomantong cave to learn how edible birds nest are collected 150 ft from the cave floor. View various animals found in caves as you walk along elevated platform. Proceed to the Kinabatangan river for late afternoon cruise and watch proboscis monkeys jumping from tree to tree. Opportunities to view other animals in the open such as various birds, monitors lizards, macaques and the occasional spotting pygmy elephants. Spend the evening on the river. Take a night safari to spot crocodiles and nocturnal animals.



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DAY 6 - FRIDAY, MAY 25
SANDAKAN – KUCHING

Transfer to Sandakan Airport for an afternoon flight back to Kuching. Arrive at Kuching International Airport, meet and transfer to Kuching Hilton Hotel 9:15PM. Free evening to relax and enjoy the Kuching Waterfront. Rooftop welcome dinner at seafood hawker stall.

The Sarawak state capital - KUCHING, on the northwestern tip of Borneo Island, won two international honors -- "Good Practices of Healthy Cities 2006" and "Pioneers in Healthy Cities 2006" -- awarded by the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) in Suzhou, China, on Oct 30, 2006.

DAY 7 - SATURDAY, MAY 26
WORLD HARVEST FESTIVAL - KUCHING

GAWAI, the traditional end-of-harvest festival celebrated by various ethnic groups in Sarawak, will be given an international flavor this year with the staging of the first World Harvest Festival in Kuching. Cultural troupes from Sabah and Kedah as well as neighboring countries like Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand have been invited to take part in the Harvest Festival. A series of joint workshops by local and foreign cultural troupes will be held during the two-day World Harvest Festival, paving the way for different communities to share their traditions, food and handicrafts. The Harvest Festival takes place at the Sarawak Cultural Village May 26-27.

0900hrs/1700hrs - Situated just 32 km from Kuching is the Sarawak Cultural Village. This 17-acre site nestled on the foothill of the legendary Mount Santubong, fronting the South China Sea offers an excellent introduction to the local culture and lifestyles of the ethnic people of Sarawak. A typical Sarawakian's warmth and hospitality awaits you here. Share the arts, crafts, games, foods and music of the seven major ethnic group in Sarawak. After touring the village, enjoy a multi-cultural dance performance in the village's own theatre.

DAY 8 - SUNDAY, MAY 27
KUCHING "CAT" CITY TOUR

0900-1400 hrs - Discover the charms of this riverine city established by Sir James Brooke, the first White Rajah of Sarawak. See buildings dating back to the days of the White Rajahs, ancient Chinese temples and colorful markets displaying the produce that first brought traders to Borneo. A visit to Kuching will not be complete without making a stop at the Sarawak Museum. Completed in 1891, the museum has an excellent collection of Bornean ethnological and archaeological artifacts and is reputed to be the best in South East Asia.

DAY 9 - MONDAY, MAY 28
SEMENGOH WILDLIFE CENTRE

0830hrs/1400hrs - Depart for the Semengoh Wildlife Centre located a short drive from the centre of Kuching. Observe the feeding of orangutans requiring rehabilitation. The tour provides an opportunity of a lifetime to observe how the orang utans are being rehabilitated and trained to fend for themselves before being released into the wild. Visitors are allowed to study and observe the orang utans at a distance.
Afternoon free

DAY 10 - TUESDAY, MAY 29

Check out from Kuching Hilton Hotel and transfer to Kuching International Airport for flight MH2507 at 11.05 am. Arriving Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 12:50pm.
Connecting flight MH94 to Los Angeles at 3:15PM.
Arriving Los Angeles at 6.30pm

Price is \$2,400 per person based on twin sharing, inclusive of tours, air ticket and hotels.
Applicable taxes are extra.

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