

EARCOS Teachers' Conference 2017





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### 29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 SUTERA HARBOUR RESORT KOTA KINABALU, SABAH, MALAYSIAN BORNEO

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### I. Arrival Transfers :

Airport to Hotel Transfer with meet and greet services – RM 20 nett per person (Seat in Coach). There will be a 50% surcharge for all transfers from 10pm to 7am.

For airport to hotel transfers, please send an email with your full name, flight number, arrival time, arrival date and your assigned hotel to the following addresses:

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We will response to your request as soon as possible and advise you of further Information.



## **II. Popular Excursions 2017**

## **Nature and Natural History**

## ETC01 Encounter with the Orang Utan at Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary & Rainforest Discovery Centre Excursion (9 to 10 hours)







You will be picked up at the hotel for your early morning transfer to the airport for Sandakan flight on AirAsia flight AK6092 ETD0705hrs / ETA0755hrs. Upon arrival at Sandakan Airport, proceed for an experience - a close encounter with the "Wildman of Borneo" at Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary; see how tamed Orang Utans are being rehabilitated into the wild. Witness the Orang Utan feeding by the rangers.

At the Rainforest Discovery Centre, located within the Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, learn about the rainforest ecology and experience its amazing biodiversity. Walk through its well marked trails and see the displays of flora such as pitcher plants, native orchids and gingers. The 150 metre long Canopy Walkway which provides a panoramic atop view of the tall rainforest trees, is a great trail to see the bird life and wildlife such as squirrels and orang utans, high above the canopy. There are over 250 species of exotic bird life such as pitas, hornbills and the rare Bornean Bristlehead found here.

After lunch, return to airport for returning flight to Kota Kinabalu on AirAsia Flight AK6495 ETD1435hrs / ETA 1520hrs. On your arrival at Kota Kinabalu International Airport, you will be picked up and return transfer to your hotel. (Lunch Included) *Remarks: Exclude Return Airfare BKI/SDK/BKI.* 

#### (Seat in Coach)

#### Price: MYR 295 nett per person based on minimum of 2 persons.

#### Tour Price Inclusive of:

\* Ground arrangement in Kota Kinabalu & Sandakan with English Speaking Guide \* Entrance Fees to Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre and Rainforest Discovery Centre \* Luncheon.

\* **Note**: flights : Return Airfare Air Asia BKI/ SDK / BKI Excluded from the Tour Price estimated from MYR 300, subject to change

\*\* All flight times are subject to change without notice.

### Borneo Passages

#### ETC02 Encounter with the Orang Utan at Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary & Rainforest Discovery Centre Excursion, Sun Bear Conservation Centre, Agnes Keith Museum & Sandakan City Tour. (Full Day)



You will be picked up at the hotel for your early morning transfer to the airport for Sandakan flight on Malaysia Airline flight MH 2042 ETD 0700 hrs ETA 0745 hrs or AirAsia Flight AK6092 ETD0705hrs / ETA0755hrs. Upon arrival at Sandakan Airport, proceed for an experience - a close encounter with the "Wildman of Borneo" at the Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary; see how tamed Orang Utans are being rehabilitated into the wild. Witness the Orang Utan feeding by the rangers.

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Then return to the airport for returning flight to Kota Kinabalu on Malaysia Airlines Flight MH 3094 ETD1900hrs / ETA 1950hrs. On your arrival at Kota Kinabalu International Airport, you will be picked up and return transfer to your hotel. (Lunch Included) *Remarks: Exclude Return Airfare BKI/SDK/BKI.* 

#### (Private Tour)

#### Price: MYR 499 Nett per person based on minimum of 4 persons. Tour Price Inclusive of:

\* Ground arrangement in Kota Kinabalu & Sandakan with English Speaking Guide \* Entrance Fees to Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre, Rainforest Discovery Centre, Sun Conservation Center and Agnes Keith Museum \* Brief Sandakan City Tour with Luncheon at English Tea House.

\* Note : flights excluded from the Tour Price

- i) Airfare Air Asia or MH flight BKI-SDK Estimated from MYR 150. Subject to change.
- ii) Airfare from SDK-BKI on MH flight Estimated from MYR 150. Subject to change.

\*\* All flight times are subject to change without notice.



#### ETC03 KLIAS Proboscis Wildlife River Cruise (7 Hours)



Depart at 1345hrs for Klias Proboscis Wildlife River Cruise. The journey to Klias peninsular takes two hours through picturesque countryside. At Klias Village, have a refreshment break before boarding a river boat for the cruise. Observe the unique lifestyle of the riverine creatures – elusive proboscis monkeys, macaques, buffaloes, iguanas & more along the lush riverine vegetation. After seeing the brilliant fireflies at dusk on the riverbanks, return to the village for Malay buffet dinner. Return to Kota Kinabalu. (Dinner Included)

(Seat In Coach)

#### Price: MYR 190 Nett person based on minimum 2 persons. Tour Price Inclusive of:

\* Ground arrangement with English Speaking Guide, River Cruise in Search for Proboscis Monkey & Fireflies & Malay Dinner.

#### ETC04 Full Day Poring Hot Spring & Kinabalu Park Botanical (10 Hours)



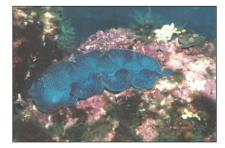
Depart at 0730hrs early morning for a three hour drive to Poring Hot Spring (126 km from Kota Kinabalu). En route, make a stop at Nabalu village to savour local fruits and to bargain prices for the handicrafts. At Poring Hot Springs, explore the many jungle trails and observe wildlife on the canopy walkway 100 feet above the forest floor. Take a dip in one of the soothing, steaming hot mineral springs set in beautifully landscaped gardens. If you are lucky, you might have the chance to see the largest flower in the world 'Rafflesia' nearby in the area. After lunch, proceed to Kinabalu Park (39km from Poring) for a brief stop with a visit to the mountain garden (open from 3pm till 4pm). Return to hotel in the late afternoon. (Lunch Included)

#### (Seat In Coach)

#### Price: MYR 200 Nett per person based on minimum 2 persons. Tour Price Inclusive of:

Ground arrangement with English Speaking Guide, \* Kinabalu Park: Entrance Fees, \* Mountain Garden, \* Entrance Fees to Poring Hot Spring & Canopy Walk \* Lunch at Local Restaurant.

#### ETC05 Giant Clams Rehabilitation Programme at Marine Ecology Research Centre, Gayana Eco Resort. ( 3 to 4 hours )



The Marine Ecology Research Center (MERC) is fully committed to the propagation of Giant Clams. The centre, besides having other sea creatures, contains seven out of the eight Giant Clams species known to man and prides itself in their protection and rehabilitation. The centre core efforts are focused upon the conservation, protection and regeneration of marine life, coral reef and the surrounding mangroves. It is a sanctuary where injured marine life are rehabilitated and eventually released back to into the ocean.







Depart at 10 am for Jesselton Point where you will take a 15 minutes by boat shuttle Gayana Eco Resort. Take a short walk to the Marine Ecology Research Center where a briefing, followed by a guided tour of the Centre, will be conducted. See the amazing sea creatures up close. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in marine ecological research through Coral Planting.

Later, after luncheon, return to the jetty to take the boat shuttle to Jesselton Point and transfer by coach to the hotel.

#### (Private Tour)

#### Price: MYR 220 nett per person based on minimum 4 persons. Tour Price Inclusive of:

Ground arrangement to and from Jetty \*Jetty Fees \* Boat Shuttle to and from Gayana Eco Resort\* set luncheon at the Restaurant.\* Entrance Fees with Guided tour on site of Marine Ecology Research Center with Coral Planting activity.



## Culture

## ETC06 Discover the Colonial Train Ride on the North Borneo Railway – Available on 29<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 - subject to change

#### "Take a Colonial Train Ride on the North Borneo Railway to see the Sabah's countryside with Morning Tea and Tiffin Luncheon on Board on a half day tour . (Runs every Wednesday and Saturday, subject to change; it is scheduled to

Depart at 10am and to return by 2 pm.)









In the morning, transfer by coach to the Tanjung Aru Train Station. Board the North Borneo Railway Train and experience the romance of rediscovering the Colonial Train Luncheon Train Ride on the North Borneo Railway with Morning Tea and a Colonial Style "Tiffin" luncheon served on Board.

The British Vulcan Steam Engine Train, fueled by wood, runs gently from Tanjung Aru through the towns of Kinarut and Papar and returns on the same route of over 33 kilometres each way. See the scenic paddy fields, rubber trees, villages along the railway and their lifestyles along the way. Learn about the nostalgic history of the North Borneo Railway. Short excursions stops will be conducted - to see the quaint Tien San Shi Temple at Kinarut and the open markets of Papar town. Observe the turnabout operations of the British Vulcan Steam Engine in Papar. Return to Tanjung Aru Station and disembark.

Transfer back by coach to your respective accommodation.

## Price: MYR 450 Nett per person for adults if staying at Pacific or Magellan Sutera Hotel.

Child from 2 to 12 years old: RM 185 nett per child Infant up to 24 months: Free of charge with accompanying adults

#### **Tour Price Inclusive of:**

\* Ground Arrangement to and from the hotel / station, \* Train Ride with two Excursions stops, \* Morning Tea and Tiffin Luncheon.

#### Tour Price Exclusive of:

\* If staying at other hotels in the city hotel, please add MYR40 per person Min. 2 persons



#### ETC07 Visit Monsopiad Cultural Village & the House of Skulls (4 Hours)



Meet at the hotel lobby at 0900hrs for your trip to the nearby countryside, passing by rice fields and megaliths. You will see the typical village of the "Kadazan", Sabah's largest ethnic group. At the Monsopiad Cultural Village, you will have the opportunity to meet with the descendant of the famous "Monsopiad", who was known as the greatest headhunter warrior in the early century. His collection of skulls are hanged in a house specially built for this. It is story telling of the Borneo Headhunter.

#### (Private Tour)

#### Price: MYR 180 Nett per person based on minimum of 4 persons. Tour Price Inclusive of:

\* Ground arrangement with English Speaking Guide, \* Entrance Fees to Monsopiad Cultural Village, \* Welcome Drinks & Guided Tour in Monsopiad Cultural Village, \*

## ETC 08 Experience the Lifestyle of the Borneo Natives at the Mari Mari Cultural Village with Traditional High Tea or Luncheon or Dinner (4 hours)



Depart from the hotel at 9 am or 2 pm. Upon arrival, you will be ushered to the warmth of different homes of the ethnicities of Sabah. Each home was built by descendants of the tribes they represent – such as the ethnic tribes, namely the Bajau, Kadazan, Rungus, Muruts and others. It offers you a truly genuine experience seeing everything in and around the village lends to its magical prowess of taking you back in time. Not only does this village portray these tribes through the architectural genius of their traditional houses, but also through a range of simulated lives of the olden epoch by the residents of the village. Acquaint yourself with each tribe as they let you come into their house and their simple yet intricate lives.

Visit the demonstration huts along the main houses in which daily activities of old times come into life. For example, the making of blowpipe, upon arrival, cross over the hanging bridge to arrive at the entrance of the village. Here, starting a fire (from bamboo tree – you will learn the steps of making fire without the help of a lighter), tattoo-making (and its symbolisms) and more. Enjoy delectable traditional and fusion cuisines for lunch or hi tea or dinner before the end of the tour. Return to the city.

#### (Seat in Coach)

#### Price: MYR 160 Nett per person based on minimum of 2 persons. Tour Price Inclusive of:

\* Ground arrangement with English Speaking Guide, \* Entrance Fees to The Cultural Village with traditional High Tea or Luncheon or Dinner.



## **Recreation and Action**

#### ETC09 Island Beach Day & BBQ Luncheon (6 Hours)



Depart from Sutera Marina and take a scheduled ferry boat to an offshore island Manukan Island (10 mins. away), one of the five islands of the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park for a local sumptuous BBQ buffet which is served for guests of the Restaurant and enjoy and relax the rest of the Enjoy swim, snorkel and enjoy the 10-15mins. Return to mainland in the afternoon (BBQ Lunch Included)

#### (Seat in Coach)

Price: MYR 160 Nett per person based on minimum 2 persons (Half or full day programme)

#### **Tour Price Inclusive of:**

Return Boat transfer from Sutera Marina Jetty to Manukan Island, \* BBQ Luncheon at Manukan Island, \* Entrance Fees to Manukan Island, \* Life Jacket & Mask & Snorkel Gear.

#### ETC10 White Water Rafting at Kiulu River (8 Hours)



Depart at 0900hrs and take an hour's drive to the scenic countryside. Kiulu River is a moderate river with cascades and rapids which would thrill any novice rafter. Raft through picturesque countryside. If you wish, you may try body rafting. Enjoy a BBQ lunch at the riverbank before returning to Kota Kinabalu in the afternoon. (BBQ Lunch Included)

#### (Seat in Coach)

Price: MYR 185 Nett per person (Full day tour)

#### Tour Price Inclusive of:

• Ground arrangement with English Speaking Guide, \* Rafting Equipment & Gear, Insurance and BBQ Luncheon.



#### ETC11 White Water Rafting at Padas River (11 Hours)



At 0530hrs depart from hotel to take a 98km drive overland from Kota Kinabalu to Beaufort. Journey by rail to Pangi, along the Padas River passing the scenic countryside of Sabah. The Padas River gushes through the spectacular Padas Gorge and offers serious rafters the ultimate white water adventure in Borneo. After rafting down the mighty Padas River, enjoy a sumptuous barbecue lunch before returning to Kota Kinabalu. (BBQ Lunch Included)

(Seat in Coach)

#### Price: MYR 235 Nett per person (Full day tour)

#### **Tour Price Inclusive of:**

\* Ground arrangement with English Speaking Guide, \* Rafting Equipment & Gear, Insurance and BBQ Luncheon.

## **III. Popular Post Conference Tours**

#### ETC – Post Tour 1 - Conquer the Summit of Borneo – Mount Kinabalu One Night / Two Days Programme





Depart early at 0730hours & direct transfer to Kinabalu Park, Malaysia's first World Heritage Site by coach (2 hours). Arrive at Kinabalu Park - register with the Park office. Proceed your journey to the Timpohon Gate, Power Station. Commence your climb to Laban Rata with packed lunch. The climb will take approximately 5 to 7 hours. Check-in Laban Rata Accommodation and the rest of the afternoon are free at leisure.

Overnight at Rest house ~ dormitory style (Packed Lunch & Dinner Included)



Wake up as early as 0200hrs, have supper breakfast & commence to the summit with torchlight. The Climb will take about 3 to 5 hours. Witness the beautiful sunrise at the summit at 0600hrs. Descend to Laban Rata Rest House, have breakfast then descend Timpohon Gate Power Station. Transfer to the Park Headquarters. Lunch at Balsam Restaurant. Depart from the Park and return to Kota Kinabalu. (Supper, Breakfast, Lunch Included.)

Price: MYR 1,700 Nett per person (based on Minimum of 2 persons) Dormitory style accommodation – non heated.







#### **Tour Price Inclusive of:**

Ground arrangement - \* English Speaking Tour Guide for transfer to the Park only \* Return transfer from the Park \* Overnight at Laban Rata Rest House in dormitory accommodation\* Climbing permits, Mountain Insurance, Certificate and Mountain Guide Services\* Meals as stated.

#### Friendly Note From Sabah Parks:

It is recommended that all climbers should have themselves medically checked before attempting any mountain climb. If you have a history of suffering from the following ailments, it is highly recommend that you should refrain from climbing: Hypertension, Diabetes, Palpitation, Arthritis, Heart disease, severe anemia, Peptic ulcers, Epileptic fits, Obesity (overweight), Chronic asthma, Muscular cramps, Hepatitis (jaundice); or any other disease which may hamper the climber.

ETC – Post Tour 2 - Experience an encounter with the Orang Utans at Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary and See the Turtles at Selingan Two Days / One Night Programme.



#### Day One

Meet in the Hotel Lobby for Flight MH2042 ETD 0710 hrs / ETA 0755hrs, and then transfer to jetty for boat ride to Selingan or Libaran Island (approximately 1 hour 15 minutes). Upon arrival, check into chalet and lunch at the Cafeteria; the rest of the day, free at leisure for swimming or snorkeling. After dinner, wait for the rangers' call to see turtle lay eggs and transfer of eggs to the hatchery. See the releasing of the baby turtles in season. Overnight at twin sharing bedded chalet. (Lunch & Dinner Included)

#### Day Two

After breakfast, return to Sandakan jetty and proceed to Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Center. Experience a close encounter with the "Wildman of Borneo" and tamed Orang Utans that are being rehabilitated into the wild. Take a short walk in this primary forest reserve to the observatory desk to witness the Orang Utan feeding by the rangers. After lunch, proceed to Sandakan City tour which is inclusive of; Malay Fishing Village of Kampung Buli Sim Sim, where the houses are built on stilts; Puh Jih Syh Buddhist Chinese Temple at 300 meters above sea level, offers a panoramic view of Sandakan Bay and Rotary Observation Pavillion for a bird's eye view of Sandakan Town. Return to Hotel or Airport Flight MH2047 ETD 1400hrs.

In Kota Kinabalu, transfer to your hotel or transit for your connecting onward flight. (Breakfast & Lunch Included)

Price: MYR 1100 Nett per adult person (based on Minimum of 2 persons) Twin sharing basis.



#### **Tour Price Inclusive of:**

Ground arrangement and tours in Kota Kinabalu & Sandakan \* Boat Return Transfer to Selingan Island\* Overnight Selingan island or Libaran Chalet with meals as stated \* Entrance Fees to Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre, \* Agnes Keith's House.

Note: Return Airfare BKI/ SDK / BKI Excluded from the Tour Price. - Estimated flight rate from MYR 300, Subject to change \*\* All flight times are subject to change without notice. Alternative flights on Air Asia are available, subject to change.

ETC – Post Tour 3 – Discover Danum Valley's Rainforest – Its Exotic Flora and Fauna Three Days / Two Nights Programme – Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> April 2017 (*Peak Season Period*)



#### Day One

Take early morning flight to Lahad Datu on **MH3010 ETD 0605hrs / ETA 0705hrs.** Upon arrival, take a 2½ drive from Borneo Rainforest office to Danum Valley.

Borneo Rainforest Lodge lies within the Danum Valley Conservation Area along the banks of the Danum River in eastern Sabah, Malaysia. The conservation area is Sabah's largest protected area of lowland dipterocarp forest, 43,000 hectares managed for the purposes of conservation, education, training, and research. Besides being home to hundreds of species of birds and reptiles, and some of the largest butterflies and moths in the world, it is also one of the largest remaining sanctuaries for the wild Orang Utan. After check-in in the lodge, take a "Nature Trail" with the guide for an introduction of the forest.

After dinner, take a "Night Drive" in an open-air jeep in search of nocturnal animals.

Overnight at Borneo Rainforest Lodge (Lunch and Dinner)



#### Day Two

After breakfast, take guided jungle activities - trek to the Kadazandusun burial site – Coffin Cliff then proceed with trekking to the View Point for a bird's eye view of the Danum Valley and the Borneo lowland rainforest. Descend to the Jacuzzi Pool for a refreshing dip.

Optional : Water tubing for an hour in the Danum River or Trekking along the Segama River. In the evening, if weather permits, enjoy a Night Walk around the lodge in search of nocturnal animals.

#### Overnight at Borneo Rainforest Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

#### Day Three

After breakfast, take a guided morning walk at the Segama Trail / Hornbill Trail. Lunch at the lodge then check out. Scheduled Transfer at 1:30 p.m., an overland journey to the airport for journey flight to Kota Kinabalu **MH3023 ETD1735hrs/ ETA 1825 hrs.** In Kota Kinabalu, transfer to your hotel or transit for your connecting onward flight.

#### (Breakfast and Lunch)

#### Price: MYR 3400 Nett per person (based on Minimum of 2 persons) Twin sharing basis on scheduled transfer.

#### Tour Price Inclusive of:

Ground arrangement in Kota Kinabalu & Lahad Datu\* Overnight at Borneo Rainforest Lodge with conservation fees and tours \* Meals as stated.

**Note:** Return Airfare BKI/ Lahad Datu / BKI Excluded from the Tour Price. - Estimated flight rate at MYR 350, Subject to change

\*\* All flight times are subject to change without notice.

ETC – Post Tour 4 - Encounter with the Orang Utan at Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary & Sukau Wildlife River Cruise Safari & Gomantong Caves - Visit Agnes Keith's House

- 2 Day 1 Night stay at Bilit Rainforest Lodge or similar.



**Tours, Travel & Excursion Services** 



You will be picked up at 0600hrs at the hotel for your early morning transfer to the airport for Sandakan flight on MH2042 ETD0710hrs / ETA0755hrs. Upon arrival at Sandakan Airport, proceed for an experience at Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary - a close encounter with the "Wildman of Borneo". At the sanctuary, tamed Orang Utan are being rehabilitated into the wild. Witness the Orang Utan feeding by the rangers. Later, depart for 2½ hours drive overland to Bilit. Lunch on the way.

Along the way, stop by Gomantong Caves and take 15 minutes walk through the forest before reaching the cave, the short jungle walk will take you to the unique limestone vegetation and lowland forest, here you can observe birds and primates. Explore one of the most fascinating cave in Sabah, home to more than one million bats and swiftlets. The swiftlets' nests are collected for the famous Chinese edible bird's nest soup. After exploring the cave, continue your journey to Sukau Melapi Lodge or similar.

Late afternoon, take a boat cruise along the Kinabatangan River. Experience the wonderful Wildlife Jungle Cruise where possible sightings of wildlife such as Orang Utan, Macaques, Red and Silver Leaf Monkey, Pygmy Elephant, Hornbill, Crocodile, Civet Cats, Otters and the Proboscis Monkey, found only in Borneo, may be seen. The bird life here is prolific including Egret, Kingfisher, Oriental Darter, Bee-eater, Hornbill and many more.

#### Overnight: Bilit Rainforest Lodge or similar (Lunch and Dinner)

#### Day Two

After an early breakfast, check-out of the lodge. Take the ferry boat to the jetty where you will transfer overland to Sandakan. Upon arrival, proceed for a brief city tour of Sandakan; Puh Jih Syh Buddhist Chinese Temple at 300 meters above sea level, offers a panoramic view of Sandakan Bay. Later, visit the home of the famous American writer – Agnes Keith; the home is now a prominent museum in Sandakan. During the years between 1934 and 1952, Agnes Keith penned a trilogy on her experience during staying in Sandakan. The first book was "Land Below The Wind" published in 1939, a book tells on those halcyon prewar days. The first book was followed by "Three Came Home" in 1947 which is focused on hardships suffered during the Second World War. And the third book was "White Man Returns" published in 1951 which tells of her life in Sandakan after the war. Proceed to English Tea House for Lunch before returning back to Kota Kinabalu on flight MH 2047 ETD 1400 hours. In Kota Kinabalu, transfer to your hotel or transit for your connecting onward flight.

#### (Breakfast and Lunch included)

#### Price: MYR 1100 Nett per adult person (based on Minimum of 2 persons) Twin sharing basis.

#### Tour Price Inclusive of:

Ground arrangement in Kota Kinabalu & Sandakan \* Entrance Fees to Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre and Gomantong Caves, \* Brief Sandakan City Tour with Luncheon. \* Overnight at Bilit Rainforest Lodge or Similar. \* Boat cruise to see the wildlife at Sukau. \* Agnes Keith's House\* Meals as stated.

**Note:** Return Airfare BKI/SDK / BKI on Malaysia Airlines and Air Asia Excluded from the Tour Price. - Estimated flight rate at MYR 300, Subject to change

\*\* All flight times are subject to change without notice.



#### ETC – NEW Post Tour 5 – Conquering the 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Mountains in Borneo, Mt Trus Madi Four Days / Three Nights Programme – Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> April 2017

#### Day 1

#### Kota Kinabalu / Kg Sinua - Camp at Base Camp (Lunch and dinner)

Meet at hotel Lobby and proceed overland to Keningau which takes about 3 hours drive through scenic countryside. Stop by at Keningau town to buy your personal item and lunch, and then proceed to Sinua Village Base Camp which takes another 2 hours drive.

The remote peak of Mount (Gunung) Trusmadi is the second highest mountain in Sabah at 2642 metres. Located within a forest reserve. Unlike Mount Kinabalu, few tourists venture up Gunung Trusmadi, and very often you have the mountain all to yourself. This is partly due to the remoteness of the reserve as well as the steep and challenging terrain of the mountain. The mountain supports a wide range of unique flora and fauna, including Nepenthes macrophylla, a species of pitcher plant and also the natural hybrid Nepenthes Trusmadiensis is named after the mountain, this mountain is extremely rich in flora and fauna which makes a wonderful trekking environment. The distance of Mannan Trails from the peak of Mount Trusmadi is 11.6 kilometers and 4 days is recommended to allow one to acclimatize to the higher altitude and to fully enjoy the rich biological diversity - the exotic rare plants, orchids, birds and many more which can be found along the trails. Along the trails, climbers will passes through few interesting key points and spot such as the bird trails (4000 meters), *Pagandadan Munang* (6200 meters), *Waig Nakalabai* (Waterfall, 1100 meters), *Pagandadan* K.S. Khiong (4200 meters), *Taman Amin* (Amin's Garden) and *Taman Munang* (Munang's Garden)

Open arrival at base camp, refresh and mountain guide will brief about tomorrow journey and the do and don't during the hiking. Dinner at Base Camp

**Overnight at Base Camp – Camp Bed (***Guests are advised to bring their own sleeping bag***)** 

#### Day 2

Base Camp – Camp 2 (Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner)



Breakfast, collect packed lunch and prepare to trek.



Co. No. 494557 (KPL/LN 3462)

0800hrs start your trek to camp 2 which takes about 7 hours trekking. The trek starts at Base camp and walk about 1 kilometers through scenic paddy field to the starting point and cross the . You will be crossing 3 small river. Be prepared to donate your blood to leeches along the way, you may use leech sock to avoid them.



Overnight at Camp 2 – Camp Bed

(Guests advised to bring their own sleeping bag)

The trails are mostly uphill and some part of the trails you need to step on tree roots and fallen trunks. It can be interesting trek for those who have passion for flora and fauna, along the way you can see many species of wild ginger, mushroom, orchid and wild flower. If you are lucky you will have chance to see wild animal like wild boar and deer. You can have your lunch along the way. Upon arrival at camp2, rest and enjoy your dinner



Basic accommodation, makeshift toilet and small water tank for drinking and cooking only. Water source (spring water) about 1 kilometer from the camp

#### Dav 3

Camp 2 – Base Camp (Supper, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



After Supper. Early as midnight (0200hrs), starts climbing to the summit. while climbing in the dark you'll tend to grab onto anything while climbing through the tree root, be careful on what you are holding and stepping as sometime the tree root and trunk may be rotting or slippery and it can be dangerous if you using it to climb up. Again, the morning trail is very muddy and narrow too, climber need to step on tree roots and fallen trunks while holding on to anything near them and at certain trails climber need to crawl, dodge trunk and using rope to climb up or down. Along the trails you may able to see different species of pitcher plant, orchid, mushroom, the lianas and tress which have unique feature. The beauty of Mt Trus Madi peak is that you get to see a different panoramic view of Mountain Kinabalu from a different angle. The summit of Mount Trus Madi reputed to have the best view of Mount Kinabalu which lies over 40km to the north. Descend to Camp 2 and enjoy your breakfast. Rest awhile before descend to based camp.

Borneo Passad Co. No. 494557 (KPL/LN 3462)

Dinner at Base Camp

#### **Overnight at Base Camp**

(Guest advised to bring their own sleeping bag)



#### Dav 4 Base camp – Kota Kinabalu

Breakfast and continue journey back to Kota Kinabalu. Stop at Keningau town for lunch before continuing to Kota Kinabalu or your next destination.

#### Price: MYR 1300 Nett per adult person (based on Minimum of 5 persons) Twin sharing basis.

#### A. Tour Inclusive of:

- Ground arrangement for the whole tour with English Speaking Guide
- ✤ 4 Day 3 Night Trus Madi Mountain Climbing
  - Mountain Guide during Climbing 0
  - o 02 Night stay at Sinua Village Base Camp
  - 01 Night stay at Camp 2 0
  - Meals: Food and Cooking utensils  $\cap$ 
    - Day 1: Lunch at Local Restaurant, Dinner at Base Camp
    - Day 2: Breakfast at Base camp Sinua Village, packed lunch and Dinner at Camp2 .
    - Day 3: Supper and Breakfast at Camp 2, Dinner at Base Camp Sinua Village
    - . Day 4: Breakfast at Base Camp Sinua Village
  - o Entrance Fees
  - Climbing Permits, and Certificate  $\cap$
  - Forest Guide 0

#### B. Tour Exclude of:

- Soft drink & other beverage not included
- Sleeping Bag
- Meals not mentioned .
- Tips and personal incidental expense
- Potter to carry personal item. These can be provided if requested at additional charges .

#### C. Mount Trus Madi Package Items to Bring Along / What to Wear;

- Waterproof jacket, Warm fleece, Warm Hat
- sleeping Bag
- Good walking boots
- Long trousers and a t-shirt/shirt for trekking .
- A towel, spare socks, A dry set of clothes for evening and sleeping .
- Water purification tablets (lodine) .
- Rucksack
- Waterproof bag for inside the rucksack
- Snacks / food and cooking utensils during climbing.
- Small personal medical kit including plasters, personal meds, plenty of insect repellent, etc.
- Bowl, mug and cutlery .
- Torch / headlamp and spare batteries
- Good pair of garden gloves for hand protection (you will need to hold on to stumps, small trees, vines along the way)

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#### D. Pre-requisites

- A good level of fitness you must be happy and comfortable to walk uphill in a hot and humid environment for up to eight hours.
- Prepared to rough it! The camping hut is very basic and is not well maintained. Unfortunately many previous visitors do not respect their environment and often there is rubbish left from their visit.
- Prepared to carry your own personal belongings and up to three litres of water. Porters are hired to carry food stuff (if you let us know in advance, you can hire a porter to carry your own kit for a small additional fee)
- Safety is always the priority and if the park guide and tour leader feel that it is not safe to continue for any reason, then their decision must be respected.
- Due to the altitude, the weather on the mountain can be very wet and very cold.

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