

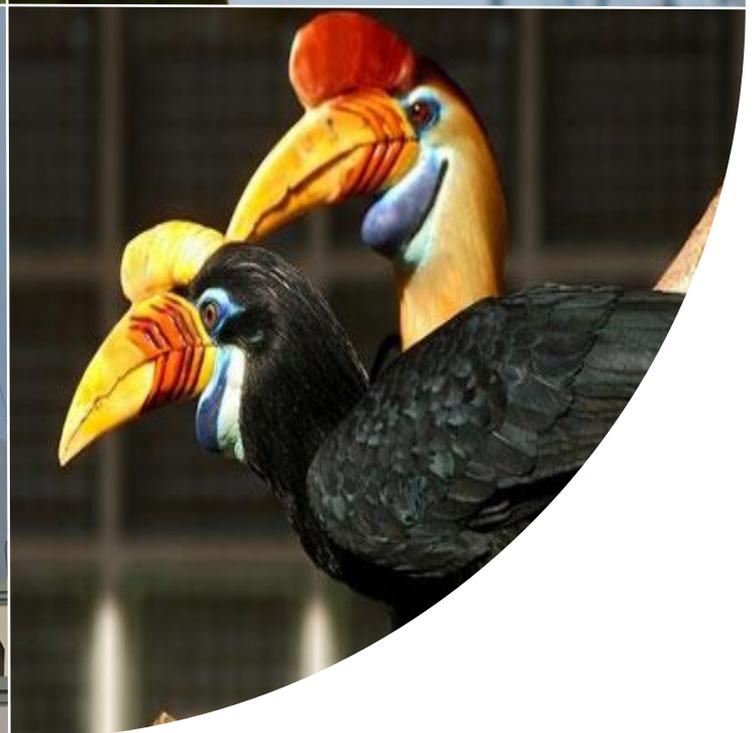
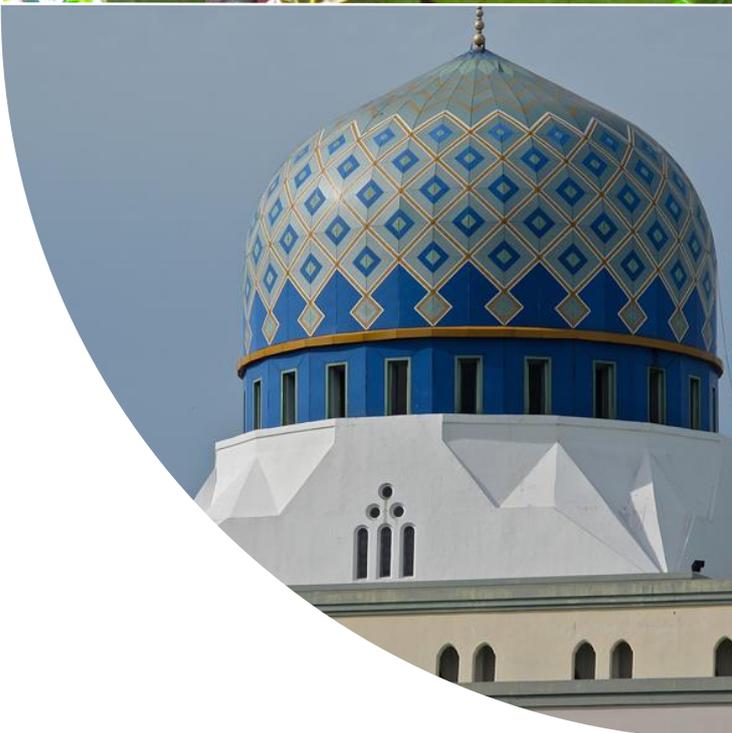
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Nature Lovers Tour of Borneo

15 Day Tour with Mary-Lou Lewis

24 September – 08 October 2017





About Your Tour

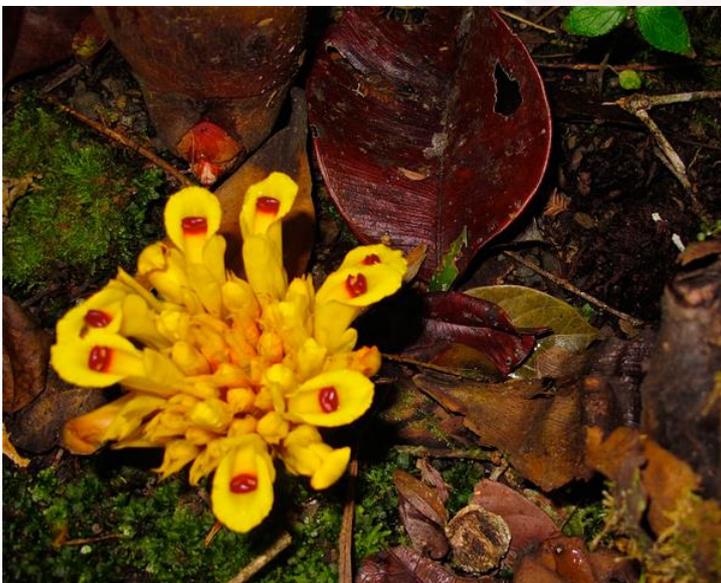
Borneo, the 'Land below the wind' has steamy jungles, exotic wildlife and extraordinary landscapes.

This tour exposes you to a rich biodiversity from a wide range of plant communities. Delight in the fire flies amongst the mangroves, the insects in the peat forest, pitcher plants in the heath forest and massive liana vines and epiphytes amidst the rainforest. The amazing cave systems of Mulu highlight exquisite beauty whilst protecting another ecosystem of fauna. Night walks amongst the tropical rainforest reveal a huge array of unique insects. Experience the UNESCO listed world heritage area of Mount Kinabalu.

Borneo's tropical rainforests are estimated as being 130million years old and considered the richest terrestrial eco system in the world. Learn unique cultural stories of the once head hunting indigenes and their forest interconnectedness when guided by the locals who cherish the forests for its spiritual value.

Experience oriental cuisine, local fruits and debate the issues of the unusual durian fruit. The coexisting cultures of Chinese, Malay and Muslim make for a very colourful and exciting experience when staying in the towns.

We will settle into a variety of accommodation from exquisite in Mulu National Park, to rustic in Bako National Park. Although not a trekking trip, a reasonable level of fitness is required to witness the variety of eco systems. Tropical temperatures can be challenging and it is necessary to maintain hydration.



About Your Tour Leader



Mary-Lou has an interest in design, natural ecosystems and its complex interconnected relationships. She likes to slow down to observe nature at its best, amazing things happen before our eyes, often going unnoticed.

Trained in recreation and horticulture, Mary-Lou has over 30 years working experience in the natural environment. She

commenced her career operating an off road cycling tour business with her husband Greg, exploring bushland of Sydney and Blue Mountains. Realising the urban impacts on bushland she moved to bush regeneration with NSW National Trust, learning the relationships of plants and animals. Most recently she spent twelve years with a Sydney local council as a program manager delivering environmental protection projects and sharing her knowledge through community education programs. She has travelled to observe natural wonders to Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, Lady Elliott Island on the Great Barrier Reef and more recently to Borneo.





Kuching | Bako National Park | Mulu National Park | Kota Kinabalu | Mt. Kinabalu

Day 1 Sun 24 Sep

Arrive in Kuching

Arrive in Kuching, Sarawak, check in to Hilton Kuching.

Day 2 Mon 25 Sep

Kuching

Visit the famous Kuching Museum, ride sampans to cross the Sarawak River. Pass the white rajah's residence, see the orchid garden on the other side of the Kuching Waterfront. Make an offering at a Chinese Buddhist temple. Visit the night market. Sample the famous offerings of satay, kolo mee and other Kuching favourites. After dinner stroll beneath wide trees along the romantic big lazy riverfront. Colonial buildings with the old shops of the bazaar enrich the experience. Overnight at Hilton Kuching. (B)

Day 3 Tue 26 Sep

Kuching-Bako National Park

Bus to *Kampong Bako*. Take a long boat to Bako National Park arriving through the mangroves. Immediately encounter unusual plants, tropical littoral abundance. See wildlife such as naughty macaques and proboscis monkeys, wild pigs, an incredible variety of birds and insects. Spot light for shy jungle creatures at night. Overnight at Bako National Park Hostel. (B L D)

Day 4 Wed 27 Sep

Bako National Park

Walk the Lintang trail where practically all vegetation types at Bako can be seen. Forest types range from mangrove to *kerangas* (heath forest), tropical swamp vegetation, cliff vegetation and beach vegetation. There are several side trails to follow inside the park depending on level of fitness and interest. All the trails have a great variety of vegetation, from mighty 80-metre dipterocarp trees such as *Shorea* species to dense mangrove forest. Unusual carnivorous pitcher plants and interesting symbiotic relationships are found on the Lintang trail. The park's coastline is dotted with small bays, coves and beaches. Overnight at Bako National Park Hostel. (B L D)

Day 5 Thu 28 Sep

Bako National Park

Hike the boardwalks through wetlands, swim in secluded jungle pools and on beaches of the South China Sea. Watch proboscis monkeys feeding on jungle fruits. Look for the Rufous-backed Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Red-crowned Barbet, Woodpeckers, Broadbills, Mangrove Blue Flycatcher, Babblers, and owls. Overnight at Bako National Park Hostel. (B L D)





Day 6 Fri 29 Sep Bako National Park-Kuching

Proceed back to Kuching. En-route, we will visit to the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre to catch the feeding time of the orang utans. Along the way, we will pass by the ethno-botanical gardens, with their unique collection of rain-forest plants. Arrive in Kuching and check in Hilton Kuching for overnight. (B, L)

Day 7 Sat 30 Sep Kuching-Mulu National Park

Morning flight to Mulu National Park. This World Heritage-listed area allows canopy walks and treks that reveal exotic creatures, spectacular caves and stunning limestone karst formations. There is Deer Cave, which can fit five cathedrals the size of London's Saint Pauls. The massive caves here are home to millions of bats and cave swiftlets that swarm out into the jungle in great clouds every evening at dusk! It is an extraordinary sight. Overnight and dinner at Mulu Marriott Resort. (B L D)

Day 8 Sun 01 Oct Mulu National Park

After breakfast, we depart by longboat to explore Wind Cave with a stopover at the Penan Longhouse. Later we proceed to explore Clearwater Cave, the longest cave in Southeast Asia. Overnight and dinner at Mulu Marriott Resort. (B L D)

Day 9 Mon 02 Oct Mulu National Park

After breakfast in the resort, we proceed to Mulu Canopy Skywalk. The Skywalk is the longest tree canopy walk in the world. Relax at the jungle café. Overnight and dinner at Mulu Marriott Resort. (B L D)

Day 10 Tue 03 Oct Mulu National Park-Kota Kinabalu

Free at leisure until our flight to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (the Land Below the Wind). In the evening, we explore the Phillipino night Market. Overnight at Grandis Hotel Kota Kinabalu. (B, L)

Day 11 Wed 04 Oct Kota Kinabalu

Today is free for you to explore Kota Kinabalu at your own pace. Overnight at Grandis Hotel Kota Kinabalu. (B)

Day 12 Thu 05 Oct Kota Kinabalu-Mt. Kinabalu

Traverse along Sabah's Crocker Range to Kinabalu Park, a World Heritage Site nominated by UNESCO. Enjoy the walks around the park headquarters. Climb through several ecological zones to experience plant communities ranging from tropical rainforest to the sub-alpine. Overnight and dinner at Kinabalu Pine Resort. (B L D)

Day 13 Fri 06 Oct Mt. Kinabalu

Trek through the rainforest and witness life in the treetops as you walk along the Canopy Walkway Venture along Jungle Trails to visit waterfall. Lunch at Poring Springs. There are steaming hot pools providing a relaxing place to unwind after trekking the slopes of Mount Kinabalu. Overnight and dinner at Kinabalu Pine Resort. (B L D)

Day 14 Sat 07 Oct Mt. Kinabalu-Kota Kinabalu

Visit the Kundasang War Memorial where the Sandakan Death March ended. The Memorial is made up of four beautiful gardens. Also visit the Kundasng vegetables markets before returning back to Kota Kinabalu. Overnight at Grandis Hotel Kota Kinabalu. (B L)

Day 15 Sun 08 Oct Depart Kota Kinabalu

Our tour ends after breakfast. (B)





Price per person twin share	\$AUD
Land Only*:	\$3,450
Airfare with Singapore Airlines approx.	\$1,100
Single room supplement:	\$745

*Land Only tour starts in Kuching and finishes in Kota Kinabalu

Tour price includes

Internal flights within Borneo; 11 nights' accommodation at 4 star hotels/resorts with breakfast daily, 3 nights' accommodation at Bako National Park Hostel*; private group transfers and touring with English speaking local guides; meals as stated in the itinerary.

Not included: International flights to and from Borneo, travel insurance, gratuities, personal expenses, anything not mentioned in the itinerary.

To make a booking

As all our tours are bespoke, we aim to provide a seamless, individual service to you. We are aware you may have many questions about the tour and are very happy to assist, so please contact us directly. Once your booking form is completed, we will be in contact with you.



Mulu Marriott Resort, Mulu National Park



Kinabalu Pine Resort Mt. Kinabalu



Hotel Grandis Kota Kinabalu



Bako National Park Hostel



Hilton Kuching

* Bako National Park Hostel: the accommodation in Bako National Park has ceiling fan only and no air-conditioning. The shower rooms do have hot water and it is on sharing basis.



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First Passenger

Title: Surname (as shown in passport):

First Name (as shown in passport): Preferred First Name:

Gender: MALE / FEMALE If sharing what would be your room preference? TWIN / DOUBLE

Single supplement? YES / NO Do you require us to organise twin-share on your behalf? YES / NO

Are you a smoker? YES / NO (Please note that Single Supplement will be payable if we are unable to arrange twin-share for you)

Do you hold an Australian passport? YES / NO If No, please state the nationality:

Passport Number: Date of issue: / / Date of expiry: / /

Date of birth: / / Place of issue: Occupation:

(Passport details are required for all tours travelling outside Australia)

Second Passenger

Title: Surname (as shown in passport):

First Name (as shown in passport): Preferred First Name:

Sex: MALE / FEMALE If sharing what would be your room preference? TWIN / DOUBLE

Single supplement? YES / NO Do you require us to organise twin-share on your behalf? YES / NO

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Passenger/s Contact Details

Street Address:

Suburb: State: Postcode:

Postal Address: State: Postcode:

Home Tel: Work Tel: Fax:

Mobile No: E-mail:

Additional Travel

If you require assistance with any add on travel arrangements pre or post tour, such as accommodation, or tours, please either attach relevant details or contact Opulent Journeys.

Travel Insurance

It is in your best interest and compulsory with our office for you to have adequate travel insurance for your trip to cover you for any unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during the trip. If you would like a quote or further information regarding travel insurance for your trip, please contact our office and we will forward the relevant information to you.

Emergency Contact (Person to contact should there be an emergency while you are overseas)

Complete Name: Relationship:

Street Address:

Suburb: State: Postcode:

Home Tel: Work Tel: Mobile No:



Payment options:

1) Cheque/Money - Enclosed is a cheque / money order made **payable to Opulent Journeys**, which acts as a deposit for the tour.

2) Credit Card- Visa / MasterCard / American Express

Please call our office with your credit card details -1300 219 885 or complete the information below.

Card No: Expiry Date: /

Cardholder's name:

Card Holders Signature: Date: / /

***(Please note that payments by credit card will be subject to a Merchant Administration Fee as follows:
1.5% for Visa / MasterCard, 3.3% for American Express)***

3) Direct Deposit into the Opulent Journeys bank Account.

Bank: Westpac Account Name: Opulent Journeys
Bank BSB: 032 000 Account Number: 902713

Please list the payment description as per the following for Direct Deposits:

Reference: Your surname. This will assist our office in locating your payment when we receive your completed booking form.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

The deposit of \$500.00 per person is accepted as a first instalment of the tour cost and will be used to secure your place on the tour. It will be fully refunded if the arrangements cannot be confirmed or the tour is cancelled. A detailed invoice is sent out to all passengers booked on the tour, approximately two weeks prior to due date of the final payment. Final payment for the tour needs to be received 60 days prior to tour departure.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

If it is necessary to cancel your booking, cancellations must be received in writing and the following scale of cancellation charges will be applied, per person.

Days of notice prior to departure:	Cancellation Charge
Over 60 days	\$250.00 – Administration Fee
59-30 days	25% of the tour cost
29-11 days	50% of the tour cost
10 days or less	100% of the tour cost

No refund is available for cancellation after commencement of tour or for any service not used.

FORCED CANCELLATION

In the event that, due to failure to reach a minimum number of tour participants (excluding the tour leader), it is necessary to cancel the tour, you will receive a full refund of your deposit. If it is necessary to cancel the tour, we will advise you not less than 60 days prior to the tour departure.

PASSPORT AND VISAS

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that they possess the necessary travel documentation for the tour, such as a valid passport and any required visas. In general a passport should be valid at least 6 months beyond the end of your journey and have two clear pages for each country to be visited to allow for entry and exit stamps en-route or for any visas applicable for countries in your journey. At the time of making your booking you will be given information about any visas that may be required for the tour.

PRICES

Tour prices stated on the flyer have been calculated on the basis of exchange rates and tariffs valid at time of print and are subject to change up until the date of departure. Should you decide to cancel your tour on the basis of a change of price, then normal cancellation charges will apply.

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I have read and understand the Responsibility section and Booking Conditions as set out on this page of this form and accept them on behalf of myself and my party. I declare that I/they are not travelling against any medical advice.

Signature:



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