

IAPWA Borneo Challenge – 1st - 11th June 2019



Founded in 2009, IAPWA is passionate about creating a better future for all animals. Through our projects and partnerships, we provide veterinary care and support to thousands of dogs, cats and other animals every year.

The Borneo Challenge takes it back to where it all began, with our first ever project established in this naturally beautiful country. This challenge will see you meet our team and the animals we care for, seeing first hand how our projects help animals in need.

Here's how it works:

- You will need to raise money towards your fundraising target of £3000
- Part of the money you raise will cover your costs for the trip (excluding flights)
- Once you raise all the necessary funds, all you have to do is pack your bags - IAPWA and Downbelow Expeditions will ensure have a once in a lifetime experience.

Borneo IAPWA Challenge 2019

Meet & Greet - Airport Pick Up – 1st June 2019

Upon arrival, board your private one way airport transfer from Kota Kinabalu International Airport to your hotel.



Grandis Hotel – 1st June 2019

Hotel Grandis is the perfect retreat for those wishing to explore Kota Kinabalu's shopping and dining as it is located within Suria Sabah Mall. It is home to the Sky Blu Ba, the city's only rooftop bar where guests can enjoy the breath-taking sunset and bird's eye view of the magnificent South China Sea. Facilities include 188-guestrooms with TV, electronic safe, power showers, soft beds, high-speed internet access with en-suite bathroom, adult & children swimming pool, business center, gymnasium, chargeable laundry & dry cleaning and taxi services.



Buffet Dinner

Buffet Dinner at the Rosea Cafe, Grandis Hotel. Located on the first floor, Rosea Cafe overlooks the expansive South China Sea and dinner is served between 1830hrs - 2200hrs daily.

Not included: Alcoholic and carbonated drinks.

White Water Rafting – 2nd June 2019

Sabah has two main rivers for White Water Rafting. The Kiulu River is located approximately 1-hour drive from Kota Kinabalu and is perfect for beginners.



Kiulu White Water Rafting – 2nd June 2019

After your transfer from KK, your white water adventure starts with a safety briefing session conducted by the professional rafting guide. The rafting session covers up to 15km taking about 1 – 2 hours before reaching the ending point where a delicious local lunch is prepared on the banks of the conquered river.

Includes: Return transfers from Kota Kinabalu City Centre to Kiulu River, Rafting equipment, English-speaking guide, Local lunch, Insurance & certificate.

Excludes: Alcohol and carbonated drinks, personal items, other items not explicitly stated.

Kiulu Farmstay – 2nd to 3rd June 2019

Located approximately 60 km from Kota Kinabalu in the north western part of Sabah is the Kiulu Valley. Kiulu is famous for its lush greenery, rivers, paddy fields, jungle and friendly people. Its name (Kiulu) was derived from a plant that is called Tulu, which is a small bamboo that commonly grows on the river banks. Staying at the Kiulu Farm offers a unique experience of rich culture and local Dusun hospitality.



Overnight Camping - Basic Tent

If you are the adventurous type and love getting outdoors into the countryside you will love this back-to-basics rustic way of spending the night. Use common bathroom and kitchen facilities at the Vanilla Hut.

Inclusive: Shared tent, dinner on arrival day and breakfast on departure day.

Excludes: Meals and other items not mentioned.

Downbelow Standard Climb – 3rd June to 5th June 2019

Climbing Mt. Kinabalu is a tough physical challenge, although not a technical climb as such. The average climber will make it to Panalaban - the area of the rest houses, located at 3,333 meters in about 4 - 6 hours. The route is 99% uphill with large rock steps form the well-trodden path. Rest huts are located along the route at 1KM intervals, equipped with squat toilets and untreated water and provide a seating area and an opportunity to talk with other climbers about the climbing experience. The summit ascent starts at 2.30AM on your second day from Pana Laban passing through the final check point in the dark with steep slopes and some ropes to pave the route. If it's a clear night, do take a moment to enjoy the night sky, with no light pollution. Most people take around 2 - 3 hours to reach Mount Kinabalu's summit from Panalaban plateau and the views at the top are spectacular.

The descent, including breakfast at Laban Rata, will take 5 - 9 hours depending on your pace and once you have reached Timpohon Gate (the starting & ending point) board a shuttle bus for the 5.5km down back to Kinabalu Park to meet our team.



3D2N Standard Climb KNP/LRR

On our 3D2N Standard Mt Climbing Package, climbers will have the opportunity to wander freely around the park's various trails, visit the exhibition center or mountain gardens (entrance fee to the mountain gardens are at your own expenses) or just acclimatize on your first day before ascent the next day. On your second day, climb Mt Kinabalu and stay overnight at Laban Rata Resthouse.

Package Includes: 1 night accommodation at Kinabalu Park Hostel - Dormitory Bunk Bed with communal bathroom & toilet, 1 night accommodation at Laban Rata Resthouse (non heated Dormitory Bunked Bed with communal bathroom and toilet), return transfer by Downbelow's licensed mini-bus based on shared-transfer basis, park entrance fees, mountain guide, climbing permit fee, insurance, certificate for successful climbers and full board meals.

Package Excludes: Porter fee, alcoholic and carbonated beverages, tourism tax MYR 10.00 per person and other items not mentioned above.

***** On the 3rd June, you will also have the option to visit the Kundasang War Memorial and Fresh Market.**

Important Information

You will be sent a Climber's Declaration Form and Liability Form before the trip. Everyone joining the tour will need to send back the signed and completed forms as well as a photocopy of Passport Details at the latest 10 days before the commencement of your climb with us.

When booking our Mt. Climbing Adventure, each climber also receives a complimentary 'I Climbed & Survived with Downbelow' souvenir Lanyard!!

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, Chronic Asthma, Muscular cramps, Hepatitis (jaundice); or any other disease which may hamper the climb.

Your Mountain Guide

Your booking includes a private mountain guide. However, during peak season, there may be a possibility that you would need to share your mountain guides with other climbers (maximum of 5 climbers to 1 Mountain Guide).

The mountain guides are fully licensed through the Mountain Guide Association of Sabah and are compulsory for your climb. They are with you to keep you safe, ensure that you stay on the correct summit path and should visibility reduce due to rain or fog, ensure that you do not become lost or disorientated. Also should you need assistance or evacuation they will summon it for you.

The mountain guides are licensed and employed by Sabah Parks, a government authority and are not employed by individual operators. Therefore we cannot pre-book guides for our clients, however we do always request that your guide speak English and we request those we are familiar with. However on occasion especially at peak times our preferred guide may not be available and it may happen that your guide cannot speak English. Rest assured however all are expert mountain guides and are local men and women from the area and your safety remains their priority.

Climbing Conditions

The government authority of Sabah Parks will assess the weather conditions for your summit ascent in the early hours whilst you are at the rest house. Should they deem the summit to be unsafe due to strong wind, rain or storms they will not permit climbers to attempt the summit ascent.

Cut Off Time at Checkpoint

On the morning of the summit climb, according to Sabah Park's regulation, climbers must reach Sayat - Sayat Checkpoint latest by 5AM, failing which climbers are not allowed to proceed to the summit.

Cut Off Time at Timpohon Gate

On your final descent, as per the Mountain Guide Associations regulation, climbers must reach Timpohon Gate (the starting/ending point) by 4pm.

Food

Full board meals are included for your trip and provided by the mountain operator. The food is basic and mostly simple Asian buffet style with a packed lunch for your first day ascent.

Water

*Laban Rata Resthouse: Bottled Mineral Water, Coffee, Tea & other hot drinks are available for purchase at the Grocery Counter. Coffee & tea is complimentary during breakfast & supper.

*Pendant Hut: Hot water is available for drinking.

Your Passport

Please remember your passport. It is required to validate your climbing permit applied for by us on your behalf.

Downbelow Expeditions – 5th June 2019

Land Transfer: Kinabalu Park - Sabah Tea Garden

Our driver or representative will pick you up for the following transfer: From Kota Kinabalu then transfer to Kinabalu Park to Sabah Tea Garden.

Sabah Tea Garden

A sprawling tea plantation surrounded by pristine rainforests in the cool mountain air, the Sabah Tea Garden beckons you to indulge in its beautiful surroundings, away from the hustle and bustle of the city life.

Sabah Tea is the only organic tea farm in Borneo and one of the few in the world. A trip to the tea garden is both educational and fun, one where visitors can enjoy a variety of recreational activities such as obstacle-crossing in the Sapaon Recreational Area, trekking along the trails to the peak of Kamunsu Hill or embarking on a night walk to check out the unique insect life.



Dinner

Dinner at the Sabah Tea Garden Restaurant. Located amongst lush greenery at tea plantation at the foot hills of Mount Kinabalu. Dinner is served between 1830hrs - 2000hrs daily.

Not included: Alcoholic and carbonated drinks.

Sabah Tea Garden – 5th to 6th June 2019

Longhouse Room

The Sabah Tea Longhouses are basic and allow visitors to experience the traditional Malaysian Borneo rainforest lifestyle where traditionally many family members live in one building. They are an adaptation of the Rungus Longhouse design. Displayed on its walls are exhibits of seven ethnic cultures of Sabah the Bajau, Rungus, Kadazandusun, Murut, Lundayeh, Lotud and Melayu Brunei.

Room Features

Accommodates 2 – 3 persons per room with mosquito net, ceiling fan & a wash basin. Common hallways connect the rooms with adjoining shared toilets & bathrooms.

Breakfast

Breakfast at the Sabah Tea Garden Restaurant. Located amongst lush greenery at tea plantation at the foot hills of Mount Kinabalu. Breakfast is served between 0730hrs - 1000hrs daily.

Not included: Alcoholic and carbonated drinks.

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Downbelow Expeditions – 6th June

Overland Transfer between Sabah Tea Garden to Sandakan

Board a comfortable coach for your journey between Sabah Tea to Sandakan.

Half Day Sepilok Orangutan Centre

Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre is located near Sandakan on the East Coast of Sabah. It was established to rehabilitate orangutans for reintegration into the wild. Today around 80 orangutans are living free in the reserve and there are about 25 juveniles and babies living in the nurseries at the center's buildings. The Labuk Bay Proboscis Sanctuary is located in the middle of a mangrove swamp on the banks of a river. It's the ideal habitat for healthy, happy proboscis monkeys.

After the Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre, visit the Sun Bear Conservation Centre. The mission of the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC) is to rescue these sun bears and promote their conservation to return sun bears to the forest and this is a must visit for wildlife lovers. The centre is equipped with key facilities including an observation platform, boardwalk and a visitor centre.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

English speaking guide, lunch, visits as stated, required transfers and entrance fees.

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

Video/camera entrance fees, alcohol and carbonated drinks and other items not explicitly stated.

Sepilok Nature Resort

Sepilok Nature Resort is located approximately 40 minutes from Sandakan Airport and within walking distance from the world famous Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre & Sun Bear Rehabilitation Centre making it an ideal location for those looking for a comfortable jungle escape. Combining rich traditional style with contemporary luxury, the resort is the ideal starting or ending point for most other wildlife land destinations in Sandakan.



Chalet Room

Comfortable chalet style accommodation set in jungle surroundings. Facilities include twin or double bedded rooms with en-suite bathroom, air-conditioning, lake or jungle view verandahs, restaurant area and natural lake at the heart of the resort. Meals can be arranged and paid for directly with the resort.

Not Included: Tourism tax at MYR 10.00 per room per night which will be added to your room bill.

Dinner

Enjoy buffet or A 'La Carte dinner in an outdoor restaurant overlooking a picturesque lake full of wildlife.

Not included: Alcoholic and carbonated drinks.

Sepilok Nature Resort

Breakfast

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Downbelow Expeditions – 7th to 8th June 2019

2D1N Kinabatangan Chalet with Gomantong Caves + Night Cruise

Our Kinabatangan lodge option offers expedition style comfort with air-conditioned rooms and showers. This Two Day, One Night package combines boat safaris along the Kinabatangan River and a night walk.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

2D1N full board meals with unlimited coffee and tea, Bilit Adventure Lodge accommodation (twin/double bed room, air-con, private bathroom), return road transfers, English-speaking guide, river cruises (1 morning & 1 afternoon) and Jungle Walk.

PACAKGE EXCLUDES

Airfares, Video/Camera entrance fees, Alcohol and carbonated drinks, Drinking Water, Other items not explicitly stated.

THINGS TO BRING

Lightweight clothing long sleeves & long pants/trousers, binoculars, leech socks, insect repellent, raincoat or poncho, good walking shoes, hat.

Downbelow Expeditions – 8th June 2019

Meet & Greet - Airport Pick Up

After your short internal flight, board your private one way airport transfer from Kota Kinabalu International Airport to Sutera Marina Jetty.

Sea Transfer: Sutera Marina Jetty

- Manukan Island Resort

Manukan Island Resort – 8th – 10th June 2019

Manukan Island Resort offers luxurious hillside & beachside chalet accommodation within the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park (TARP). Located only 10 minutes by speedboat from Kota Kinabalu, it's an idyllic island getaway especially.

One of our award winning PADI 5 Star IDC Career Development Dive Centre's are based at the resort. Offering guests amazing water sports experiences which include PADI courses, scuba diving, snorkelling, sea kayaking and marine biology studies.



Beach Suite Chalet with Full Board Meals

Enjoy your stay in one of the Beach Suite Chalets with a lounge area and ensuite bathroom.

Air-conditioning, tea/coffee making facilities, satellite channels, hardwood/parquet floors, hairdryer, bathrobe, bathroom toiletries and ensuite minibar will make your stay enjoyable.

Our PADI 5 Star IDC Centre is based within the resort and has access to all the best dive & snorkel sites within the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park - which means only 5 minutes stroll from your chalet and more time spent on your activity!

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Overnight at Manukan Island Beach Suite Chalet accommodation
- Full board meals at resort's restaurant
- Scheduled return boat transfers between Sutera Harbour Marina and Manukan Island Resort on arrival and departure day
- Island Entrance Fee

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

Alcoholic or carbonated beverages and items not explicitly stated.

Downbelow Expeditions - 9th June 2019**IAPWA Kota Kinabalu Site Visit**

Visit IAPWA (International Aid for the Protection & Welfare of Animals) in KK to see the work they do. Lunch at Local Restaurant.

Includes: Return land transfers, return boat transfers and lunch at local restaurant.

Excludes: Meals and other items not mentioned.

Downbelow Transport – 10th June 2019**Sea Transfer: Manukan Island Resort - Sutera Marina Jetty**

Unscheduled boat transfer had been arrange for your transfer to Manukan Island Resort.

Farewell - Airport Drop Off

Time to say farewell. Board your private one-way airport transfer from your hotel to Kota Kinabalu International Airport.