



# Wild Borneo!

## Draft Itinerary

Flight departure on September 6, 2025 from PDX

### September 8, DAY 1: ARRIVAL

On arrival, you will be met at the airport by your Portland Audubon tour guides Brodie and Candace, as well as our hosts in Borneo. Depending on arrival times, we may see our first Borneo birds this afternoon together! We'll check into our hotel, enjoy dinner together and have a tour briefing before tucking in for a sleep ahead of our big adventure.

Lodging: [Hyatt Centric](#)

### September 9, DAY 2: KINABALU NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll check out and drive 2 hours to Kinabalu National Park, a birdwatcher's paradise with about 326 species, representing over half the bird species in Borneo. We'll check in, enjoy lunch at the lodge and then spend the afternoon birding in the park, searching for Whitehead's Trogon, Golden-faced Barbet, Fruithunter, Kinabalu Serpent Eagle and many, many others! In the evening, we'll head out on a night walk in search of reptiles and amphibians endemic to this mountain region.

Lodging: Kinabalu Park Lodges

### September 10-11, DAYS 3 and 4: KINABALU NATIONAL PARK

We'll spend the next two days exploring this very rich region via trail walks. Mt. Kinabalu boasts the highest peak in Borneo and Malaysia and is a hotbed of endemism and incredible plant and animal diversity. The forests are cool and green, and it will be a great pleasure to explore the trails here. Our days will start very early to take advantage of maximum activity in the forest, and new birds we'll hope to see include Whitehead's Broadbill and Whitehead's Spiderhunter, Red-breasted Hill Partridge, Mountain Blackeye and Bornean Laughing Thrush, plus a wide array of flycatchers, woodpeckers and warblers. Expect to walk 3-5 miles each day as we traverse this delightfully diverse area.

### **September 12, DAY 5: KINABULU to SEPILOK**

After breakfast at the lodge, we'll begin our overland transfer to the Sepilok region on the east side of Borneo, on the edge of the Kapili Forest Reserve. In this region, we'll be hoping to see Rhinoceros Hornbill and a wide variety of broadbills, spiderhunters, flowerpeckers and sunbirds! Sepilok is also home to many amazing herptiles, including the Paradise Tree Snake, Brown-striped Bronzeback and Sumatran Cobra!

Lodging: [Sepilok Nature Resort](#)

### **September 13, DAY 6: SEPILOK**

We begin today very early in the morning with a visit to Rainforest Discovery Centre for birding and wildlife watching, followed by a visit to the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre (SORC), exploring the boardwalk through the forest and observing the Orangutan feeding at 10 am. Here, we'll also have a chance to visit the nursery, where young orangutans play and learn behaviors vital for their rehabilitation. Next up, a visit to the Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC) where we will get to see the world's smallest bear and learn about their threats and the conservation measures being taken to help the species.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll return to the Rainforest Discovery Center and explore the trails and the excellent canopy walkway for more wildlife and bird watching. Some of our target species today include Black-headed Pitta, Red-naped Trogon, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo and Bushy-crested Hornbill.

### **September 14, DAY 7: SEPILOK to KINABATANGAN RIVER**

After breakfast, we transfer to our next, exciting lodge along the banks of Sabah's longest River, the Kinabatangan. We'll refresh ourselves at the lodge and then begin a peaceful afternoon river cruise on quiet, electric-motored boats in search of the iconic wildlife along the Kinabatangan. Common species include Proboscis Monkeys, Silver Langurs, Pygmy Elephants, Macaques, Orangutans, and more! We'll close out the day with a candlelight dinner overlooking the riverbank, followed by a night walk.

Lodging: [Borneo Nature Lodge](#)

### **September 15-16, DAY 8 - 9: KINABATANGAN RIVER**

We'll spend the next two days exploring this incredibly rich region by boat and boardwalk. An early-morning river cruise will take us to Kelenanap Oxbow Lake as the surrounding forest comes to life. We'll enjoy an educational tour along the lodge's Hornbill Boardwalk to learn more about the Kinabatangan ecosystem. We'll take afternoon wildlife walks and we'll even enjoy a night safari by boat!

Some of our target birds at Kinabatangan include Storm Stork, Black-headed Pitta, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Blue-eared Kingfisher, Bornean Falconet, Black-and-red Broadbill and Diard's Trogon. We'll also keep our eyes peeled for more cool reptiles, including Reticulated Python, Mangrove Cat Snake, 7-lined Kukri Snake and King Cobra.

### **September 17, DAY 10: KINABATANGAN to BORNEO RAINFOREST LODGE**

After breakfast, we'll head to Lahad Datu, where we'll register at the gates and then transfer another 2 hours overland to the Danum Valley and the beautiful Borneo Rainforest Lodge. We'll enjoy the changing landscape as we move from regenerating forests to virgin rainforests in an ecosystem that evolved over 130 million years ago. We'll check in and enjoy lunch and a short rest before heading out on foot to search for Orangutans, Red Leaf Langurs, Gibbons, and of course, many amazing birds! After dinner, we'll go on a guided night safari to spot nocturnal creatures. Common species on night activities in Danum include civets, flying squirrels, colugos, cats, and great reptiles and amphibians.

Lodging: [Borneo Rainforest Lodge](#)

### **September 18-20, DAY 11 - 13: BORNEO RAINFOREST LODGE**

We'll spend 3 more days in the amazing Danum Valley, one of the most important nature reserves in all of Asia, trekking with our guides and searching for wildlife. Bird life is astonishing here, and there are about 30 orangutans that live in the forest surrounding the lodge area. We'll attempt to hike to a good viewing spot on one afternoon.

Some of the amazing birds we'll be looking for include all the hornbills, Blue-headed and Banded Pittas, various trogons, kingfishers, Crested Fireback Pheasant and Bornean Bristlehead.

### **September 21, DAY 14: OVERLAND LAHAD DATU - FLY TO KOTA KINABALU**

After a final, optional early morning wildlife walk, we'll return to the lodge for lunch before checking out and transferring to Lahad Datu town for onward journey. We fly back to Kinabalu this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for our final group dinner and a chance to reflect on our amazing adventure together!

Lodging: [Hyatt Centric](#)

### **September 22, DAY 15: DEPARTURE**

Breakfast at the hotel then we say goodbye to beautiful Borneo and transfer to the airport for our flights home.

### **Notes on Pace and Conditions**

Borneo is a wildlife watcher's paradise and we will be traveling at a pace that allows us to enjoy all the wonderful sights and sounds around us. Some of our exploring will be via quiet, electric-motored riverboat. Much of our wildlife-watching will happen on foot. Terrain will be a mix of sealed roads, dirt roads and single-track trails. The most rigorous part of the trip will be in the Danum Valley where it may be very hot and the terrain is steeper and more uneven; even here, we will move at a "birder's pace."

Expect pre-dawn departures on most of our full days in the field. We may walk up to 5 miles on some days. Do note that Borneo is a hot and humid country, so even short wildlife walks can feel somewhat strenuous: daytime temperatures range from about 70-90 degrees fahrenheit and humidity averages about 80% year-round. Rainfall can be expected at any time in brief, heavy downpours. During the middle of the afternoon, when there is a lull in birding activity, we will often schedule a midday break. And you will be given ample opportunities to take a morning or afternoon off as you desire.

Food in Borneo is exciting and delicious, a combination of local Malaysian dishes, Chinese food and Western cuisine. At the lodges, evening meals will be in the form of tasty and varied buffets, so you will have many choices. Do note that we cannot guarantee that all food sensitivities can be accommodated at every location.