

# The Wilds of Borneo: Orangutans & Beyond

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## A Quest in Search of Rare & Threatened Wildlife in the World's Oldest Rain Forests

In the world's tallest and most ancient rain forests on the island of Borneo, life flourishes. Sheltered beneath the dense canopy among jungle rivers and waterfalls, a host of wildlife leaps, darts and crawls in the emerald depths. Endangered orangutans thrive in the lush vegetation, sharing branches and vines with leaf monkeys, wild gibbons, flying lemurs and more than 300 vibrant bird species.

Rare proboscis monkeys are at home in coastal mangroves where hornbills and sea eagles soar above. In the forest beneath Mt. Kinabalu's prominent peaks, pygmy elephants lumber through the underbrush while monitor lizards sunbathe on the banks of the Kinabatangan River. Wildlife thrives in Borneo, and we safari in search of it on this tropical adventure quest.



## Trip Highlights

- Observe orangutans as they live and move freely in their natural rain forest habitat at two different orangutan rehabilitation centers, Semenggoh and Sepilok
- Watch endangered green sea turtles swim ashore to lay their eggs on Selingan Turtle Island, and witness tiny hatchlings as they are released into the sea
- On canopy walkways in Danum Valley, look for monkeys, gibbons and leopards, and venture up river in search of playful pygmy elephants in Kinabatangan

**In Action** 

See More of Borneo's Natural Wonders When You Travel With NHA

From watching free-ranging orangutans in their natural jungle habitat to scouting for pygmy elephants swimming in the Kinabatangan River, you'll experience the most diverse and wildlife-centric Borneo itinerary on offer!

Our multifaceted journey includes searching for a wide array of species and observing a fascinating mix of local cultures. And our special relationship with WWF ensures that you'll be helping to conserve the wild animals you will see.



### 1. **More Diverse Wildlife Viewing in Widely Varied Settings**

This is a comprehensive survey of Borneo! We explore an array of ecosystems including the jungle sanctuaries of Sepilok and Semenggoh, Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary, mangroves in Bako National Park, Selingan Turtle Island, and virgin rain forest in the Danum Valley. In these varied locales, search for endangered orangutans, pygmy elephants, Bornean bearded pigs, smooth-coated otters, long- and pig-tailed macaques, monitor lizards, proboscis monkeys, rhinoceros hornbills, silvered leaf monkeys and numerous tropical bird species...to name just some of the species we may see.

### 2. **Our Small Group—10 Travelers Max—Ensures More Authentic Nature Encounters**

Meaningful nature encounters should be intimate undertakings. Our small group is

limited to just 10 travelers, for a quiet, low-impact experience—plus we are best able to meet individual needs, expectations and desires in a small-group setting.

### **3. Internal Flights Reduce Driving & Add More Time with Wildlife**

Rather than subject you to long, winding, often bumpy drives, we use air transfers for comfort and efficiency. We've included two flights in our itinerary, in order to get you between destinations faster and allow you to spend more time doing what you came here for: experiencing nature and wildlife.

### **4. Visit Two Different Orangutan Sanctuaries**

A chance to see orangutans is likely a big reason for coming to Borneo. So we maximize your opportunities with two different locations to observe these great apes: Sepilok and Semenggoh nature reserves. Semenggoh focuses on the study of orangutan biology and behavior while providing a safe and natural haven for dozens of semi-wild orangutans that are graduates of its original rehabilitation program.

### **5. A Rare Chance to See Green Sea Turtle Hatchlings Reach the Sea**

We include a night on Selingan Turtle Island, protected habitat for endangered green sea turtles. Here, we expect to observe these pelagic reptiles coming ashore to lay their eggs, then watch in wonder as tiny hatchlings are released to scurry back over the beach into the Sulu Sea.

### **6. From Riverside to Rain Forest, Stay Closer to Borneo's Wildlife**

Compare carefully: We select our accommodations for their quality, atmosphere and secluded locations, staying as close as possible to nature in the most authentic and comfortable settings. From our nature resort near an orangutan sanctuary to Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort, a remote ecolodge on the Kinabatangan River, to Borneo Rainforest Lodge overlooking primary growth rain forest, you're surrounded by wild Borneo at every turn.

### **7. Travel with an Expert Naturalist Expedition Leader and Top Local Guides**

Our NHA Expedition Leaders are natural history experts who average 15 years' guiding experience. In addition, they receive special training provided by WWF scientists. With WWF's resources at their fingertips—and assisted by Borneo's best local guides during each segment of our trip—your adventure is sure to be a journey of enlightenment! [See Expedition Leader bios](#) and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

### **8. Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures You'll Have an Outstanding Trip**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. [Read our important promise.](#)

### **9. Feel Good About the Way You Travel**

We all care about the planet, and you can travel with us knowing that the emissions from your trip are 100 percent carbon-offset. NHA is the world's first carbon-neutral travel company, and we're continually aiming for new ways to raise the bar on sustainable practices.

## 10. **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



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