Borneo
February 24 - March 8, 2020
Borneo does not often make the headlines for positive conservation news, but there is, in fact, a robust conservation effort underway on this magnificent island. Within its parks and reserves, there still resides the most spectacular array of plants and animals that you can find on Earth. Join Apex on this 14-day Malaysian Borneo journey and visit some of Northern Borneo’s untouched wild places. See Proboscis Monkey, Bornean Gibbon, Pygmy Elephant and Clouded Leopard in riverside mangroves. Watch for Slow Loris and Red Giant Flying Squirrel on night walks through ancient lowland rainforest. Trek among 800 species of orchid and search for the world’s largest flower, the incredible stinking Rafflesia, on the lowland slopes of Borneo’s highest mountain. And, of course, throughout the adventure, keep watch for Borneo’s “man of the forest,” the wise and winning Bornean Orangutan, still surviving, where protected.
Monday, February 24: Arrive Kota Kinabalu, Borneo
Arrive in Kota Kinabalu (or KK, as it’s known locally), on the northwestern coast of Borneo. Take the day at leisure to acclimate. If you’re up for it, go for a walk in the bustling city and explore its vibrant and diverse markets, boardwalks and beaches. Meet your expedition leader and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. Overnight at Shangri-La Tanjung Aru.

Tuesday, February 25: Kota Kinabalu / Lahad Datu / Danum Valley
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a flight to Lahad Datu in the Eastern Sabah state. Travel overland by vehicle to Danum Valley Conservation Area, the largest contiguous virgin rainforest remaining in Southeast Asia. Danum protects nearly 200 square miles of lowland forest, and is recognized as one of the world’s most complex ecosystems. It is home to a staggering array of wildlife, including Bornean Orangutan, Western Tarsier, Sambar Deer, Proboscis Monkey, Red Leaf Monkey, Bornean Gibbon, Pygmy Elephant and Clouded Leopard, to name but a few. Upon arrival, settle into your bungalow at the Borneo Rainforest Lodge. Enjoy lunch, then head out for an afternoon trek on the lodge’s nature trails and elevated canopy walkways. As the sun sets, listen for Bearded Pig rooting under the bungalows. Dinner and overnight at Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

Wednesday & Thursday, February 26 & 27: Danum Valley
Rise each morning to the din of gibbons and the raucous laughter of Helmeted Hornbills. Take two full days to explore further on foot and by vehicle, searching for animals, including the elusive orangutan. Danum Valley has been designated an Important Bird Area, and is home to nearly 350 species, including the Great Argus Pheasant, eight species of hornbill, seven species of jewel-like pitta, and the bizarre Borneo Bristlehead. Visit Coffin Cliff, an ancient Kadazan Dusun burial site where the coffins of chiefs and warriors are still tucked into caves.
Enjoy night drives looking for the diminutive Leopard Cat, Common and Small-toothed Palm Civets, Black and Red Giant Flying Squirrels, and the curious Bornean Colugo. With luck and persistence, you may also encounter the rare Marbled Cat, Western Tarsier, or even Bornean Clouded Leopard. Dinners and overnights at Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

**Friday, February 28: Danum Valley / Kinabatangan Wetlands**

Enjoy a morning jungle walk before driving north toward the dense mangrove forests of Lower Kinabatangan Segama Wetlands, Malaysia’s largest Ramsar site and home to one of the highest wildlife concentrations in Southeast Asia. Here, wild orangutans, Proboscis and Hose’s Leaf Monkeys, Crab-eating and Pig-tailed Macaques, Pygmy Elephant, and a great array of birdlife dwell within the dense riverine forest. At the village of Sukau, board a boat for the final stretch to the lodge via the Kinabatangan River. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon river cruise, looking for wildlife along the river edge. Dinner and overnight at Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort.

**Saturday, February 29: Kinabatangan Wetlands**

Spend time today on the river, starting with an early morning cruise. Watch Proboscis Monkeys waking from their slumbers in the mangroves, performing death-defying acrobatics over the water in attempts to evade the ever-watchful Saltwater Crocodiles frequenting the backwaters. Explore the river’s tributaries, looking for Hose’s and Silvered Langurs, Crab-eating Macaque, Storm’s Stork, and orangutan feeding at fruiting figs along the banks. This evening, take a spotlighting boat ride, and keep watch for Flat-headed Cat patrolling the banks, Slow Loris moving through the canopy, and Buffy Fish-owl on the hunt. Dinner and overnight at Kinabatangan Wetlands Resort.

**Sunday, March 1: Kinabatangan / Deramakot Forest Reserve**

After breakfast, take a boat back to Sukau, then travel west by vehicle to Deramakot. Despite its status as a “reduced impact logging” concession (10 percent is entirely protected for conservation), Deramakot remains one of Sabah’s best wildlife-viewing destinations, with 75 percent of Sabah’s mammal species found within its 210 square miles of mixed lowland forest. Settle into your basic park-style chalet at base camp and enjoy dinner, followed by an evening spotlighting drive to look for Common Palm Civet, Leopard Cat and Sambar Deer. Dinner and overnight at Deramakot Chalets.

**Monday–Wednesday, March 2–4: Deramakot Forest Reserve**

Savor the surprisingly well-preserved forest surroundings—Deramakot has the rare distinction of being the longest certified “well-managed” rainforest concession in the world, since 1997. For three full days, enjoy morning and evening game drives to look for Bornean Orangutan, Sun Bear, Wild Boar, Binturong, Pygmy Elephant, Banteng, and Clouded Leopard, as well as a wide array of birds, from kingfishers and broadbill to pittas and the reserve’s “featured” species, Helmeted and Wreathed Hornbills. Learn about the reserve’s Reduced Impact Logging (RIL) and the measures it takes to preserve habitat for wildlife. See RIL in action along several jungle hiking trails. Dinners and overnights at Deramakot Chalets.

**Thursday, March 5: Deramakot / Sepilok Rehabilitation Center**

Leave Deramakot this morning, heading northeast to Sepilok. After lunch, visit the world-renowned Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, started in 1964 to help baby orangutan orphaned by logging, hunting, and the illegal pet trade.
Get close-up views of some of the center’s 300 babies as they come in for their afternoon feeding. Then, visit the nearby Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center, founded in 2008 to rehabilitate orphaned Malayan Sun Bear, the world’s smallest bear species. After dinner, take a night walk to look for Red Giant Flying Squirrel, Slow Loris, or even the scarce Malay Stink Badger. Dinner and overnight at Sepilok Nature Resort.

Friday, March 6: Sepilok / Kota Kinabalu / Rasa Ria Reserve
After breakfast, head to the airport for a flight back to Kota Kinabalu. Take the rest of today to explore the 400-acre nature reserve on the hotel’s property. Dinner and overnight at Shangri La Rasa Ria Resort.

Saturday, March 7: Kota Kinabalu – Mt. Kinabalu
Enjoy breakfast seaside, then take a short drive to Mt. Kinabalu, which at 13,000 feet is the highest point between the Himalayas and New Guinea. Explore the montane rainforest surrounding the park headquarters, home to more than 800 orchid species and five kinds of carnivorous pitcher plants. Look for Jeninck’s and Prevost’s Squirrels, and some 300 species of birds, including minivets, babblers, laughing-thrushes, and the endemic Whitehead’s Broadbill and Short-tailed Magpie. This afternoon, visit the lowland rainforest on the other side of the mountain to hike among the largest mosses on Earth and more than 600 species of fern—exceeding the number found on the entire African mainland. See colorful butterflies and hornbills. With luck, you may also spot the incredible Rafflesia flower. Return to the hotel for a farewell dinner with fellow travelers. Dinner and overnight at Shangri La Rasa Ria Resort.

Sunday, March 8: Kota Kinabalu / Depart Borneo
After breakfast, head to the Kota Kinabalu airport for your international flights home.

Photos: Malayan Sun Bear, Prevost's Squirrel, Rafflesia Flower, Yellow-throated Marten
A – Kota Kinabalu  
B – Danum Valley  
C – Kinabatangan Wetlands  
D – Deramakot Forest Reserve  

E – Sepilok  
F – Rasa Ria Reserve  
G – Mt. Kinabalu National Park  

By Air  
By Boat  
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Gerald Broddelez

Gerald has been leading wildlife-focused expeditions to some of the planet’s most rewarding destinations for over 30 years. As a veteran Expedition Leader and lecturer on expedition ships, Gerald has travelled on all the world’s oceans, spending most of his time in the high Arctic, Antarctic and Polynesia. His life-long passion for nature and conservation has taken him to over 170 countries and every continent, during which he has seen over 8,000 species of birds, over 1,000 mammals and most of Europe’s butterflies. Gerald also helped produce natural history documentaries, both as a cameraman and a writer, for Belgian, British and Azorean television networks. In recent years, Gerald has also been involved in field training courses for nature guides, working closely with local tourism boards in several European counties. Belgium is home and in addition to speaking his first languages of French and Flemish, he is also fluent in English, German, and Spanish.

“A trip with Gerald is always a pleasure—superbly organized, with fantastic wildlife experiences accompanied by his great humor.”

– Jane M., England
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$12,270  Per Person Rate
$14,170  Solo Rate
14 Days  Trip Length
10 Guests  Group Size

Kota Kinabalu / Kota Kinabalu  Start/End

Included
Apex Expeditions’ rates include all accommodations; all meals, activities and excursions as described in the itinerary; all air within Borneo, as noted in the itinerary; services of an Apex Expeditions leaders and local guides throughout the itinerary; local beer & wines at lunch & dinner; all gratuities; airport transfers; permits and entrance fees; all taxes.

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