Borneo and Bali together represent some of the very best of the Malay Archipelago. On one hand, Borneo is one of the most exciting destinations on earth for the nature enthusiast. It is one of the world’s last wild places with dense rainforests home to a rich variety of endangered wildlife.

We’ll delve deep into some of the oldest and most diverse forests on the planet, sheltering one of the world’s richest collections of wildlife and plants. Here, along with giant pitcher plants, rhododendrons, and a never-ending stream of butterflies, there is a stunning array of exotic birds, including pheasants and parakeets, hornbills and broadbills, cuckoos and kingfishers. The pristine forests of Sabah, with their enormous sentinel trees, are home to a number of fascinating primates such as the pot-bellied and comic-looking Proboscis Monkey, Pig-tailed Macaque, Red Leaf Monkey, Bornean Gibbon and one of the most endearing animals on earth: the Bornean Orangutan, the gentle rainforest giant.

Our nature adventure is balanced by our visit to Bali, which in its own way represents an unspoiled experience of an erstwhile era. Here we’ll enjoy the serenity and hospitality of a culture at one with its environment.

STUDY LEADER

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Tuesday, October 10: Arrive in Sadankan
Upon arrival in Sadankan, we’ll be met and driven to our resort hotel.
Overnight: Sepilok Nature Resort
Meals: Dinner

Wednesday, October 11: Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre – Introduction to Borneo’s wildlife
After breakfast, we depart for the Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre for a video show that highlights Sepilok’s important role as one of the centres dedicated to rehabilitating orphaned orangutans. There is a quarantine centre and a “kindergarten” where young orangutans are “shown the ropes” by human trainers. When they graduate, they are released to an area of forest where they are fed twice a day. This feeding area is open to the public.
Thursday, October 12: Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary
After breakfast, we’ll check out and depart for the Sandakan jetty for a boat journey along Sabah’s longest river, Kinabatangan, to Borneo Nature Lodge. This is an exciting opportunity to view birds and wildlife in virgin mangrove, wetland and rainforest habitats. This is a good area to observe egrets, bitterns, kingfishers, langurs, macaques, Proboscis Monkeys and Orang-utans while travelling upriver.

In the late afternoon, after checking into our rooms, we’ll take another river cruise, using a very quiet electric motor, in search of some of the 10 primate species found here, including Proboscis Monkeys as they settle down for the night on treetops along the Kinabatangan River. We’ll return to the lodge for our dinner. At some point today, Dr. Dominy will also present a lecture on the following:

Behavior and Ecology of Orang-utans
This lecture will focus on the evolution, behavior, and marginal existence of orang-utans, the loneliest and least studied of all great apes.

Overnight: Bilit Adventure Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Friday, October 13: Kinabatangan River / Oxbow Lake
We’ll wake up to the raucous calls of gibbons and hornbills and then take an early morning river cruise on the Kinabatangan River to view more birds and wildlife. The evenings and early mornings can be a magical time for viewing wildlife. If the weather cooperates, we’ll carry on to an ox-bow lake that teems with bird life. We may see the impressive Stork-billed Kingfisher, Storm’s Stork, and Gray-headed Fish-eagles around the lake, and the Great Slaty Woodpecker and various others as we walk along rainforest trails to experience more of Borneo’s wilderness.

In the afternoon, we will again have another wildlife river cruise and, after dinner and weather-dependent, there will be a night safari cruise to try and spot nocturnal mammals, crocodiles, and birds.

Overnight: Bilit Adventure Lodge
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Saturday, October 14: Gomantong Caves / Danum Valley
Today we will leave the Kinabatangan River area and drive overland to the well-known Gomantong Caves. We’ll walk a beautiful rainforest trail to the cave entrance and then observe how this huge cave system, in a limestone outcrop, supports enormous numbers of bats and swiftlets. After leaving the cave reserve, we’ll drive to Lahad Datu for lunch. We’ll enjoy a dinner at a nearby restaurant.

At some point today, Dr. Dominy will also present a lecture on the following:

Wallace, Borneo, and the Origins of Biogeography
This lecture is conceived as an introduction to the geology and natural history of Borneo. We will focus on Alfred Russell Wallace, his travels in Borneo, and the insights that shaped his views on natural selection and gave rise to the discipline of biogeography.

Overnight: Sepilok Nature Resort
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
we’ll make our way through selectively logged forest, cocoa and softwood plantations on our way to the Borneo Rainforest Lodge. The main lodge, surrounded by one of the last remaining reserves of lowland rainforest with immense trees and vines of every shade of green imaginable, is located beside the Danum River. It is said to have the world’s most complex ecosystem. The open-air dining room provides a wonderful place to watch the forest, much like one would watch ocean waves, or a crackling fire. Every so often, we may see the tree branches swaying wildly as a band of Red Leaf Monkeys, Long-tailed Macaques or Bornean Gibbons move through the canopy.

So far some 275 species of birds have been recorded in the area. On arrival at the lodge, we can walk along the road at the edge of the rainforest. We may see the endemic (and beautiful!) Garnet Pitta and Blue-headed Pitta on this walk. In the evening there will be an introductory slide show and, if weather permits, we may go spotlighting to view some of the nocturnal animals.

**Overnight: Borneo Rainforest Lodge**
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Wednesday, October 18: Bali**
Take the morning to soak in our incredible surroundings; enjoy the infinity pool over the rice paddies, take walk in the luxuriant landscaped tropical gardens or indulge in the healing and relaxing spa. In the cool of the afternoon, we’ll head out to view three very different aspects of rural Bali. We’ll visit the Taman Ayun, the beautiful garden temple, then delve into the monkey forest at Kedaton, where over 500 monkeys inhabit the forest. Finally we visit Tanah Lot Temple. This magnificent spiritual temple can only be accessed at low tide. We’ll stay and watch the tide come in; at sunset the spray and sun weave mesmerizing rainbows, making it a stunning place to photograph. Dr. Dominy will present the following lecture today:

**Hobbits and the Peopling of Southeast Asia**
This lecture will focus on the recent discovery of hominin fossils (“hobbits”) in the Indonesian archipelago, and the challenges of inhabiting this region before the advent of farming around 10,000 years ago.

**Overnight: Wapa Di Ume Ubud**
**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Thursday, October 19: Bali**
Today we experience rural Bali as we head out toward Mount Batur. We’re welcomed in a Balinese home for traditional refreshments; tea, coffee and cakes. From the family compound we’ll take a walk through the local rice fields to learn about a way of life that has been unchanged for generations. After a delightful lunch in the middle of the rice fields, we’re off to Pura Kehen Temple. Step through the Kori Agung, a stone-capped gateway, and into the temple to find a small compound guarded by a mythical naga (dragon). After looking around, we’ll make our way to Panglipuran, a village where traditional cooking, weaving and handicrafts are practiced, before returning to our hotel.

**Overnight: Wapa Di Ume Ubud**
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner

**Friday, October 20: Depart Bali**
Today we will bid farewell to beautiful Bali as we head to airport for our flights home.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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*Note: The itinerary and accommodation described in this tour brochure are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events.*
Tour Cost (per person): US$7495
Taxes and gratuities: US$300

Single Supplement: US$2795
We would be happy to try to match you with a suitable roommate. If we are unable to, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.

Group Size:
10 – 16 participants

What’s Included:
• Airport transfers at destination for passengers arriving and departing as per the group itinerary
• Accommodations based on double occupancy in listed hotels or similar
• Meals as specified in the itinerary
• All ground transportation by private vehicle
• An internal flight from Lahad Datu to Kota Kinabalu, and a flight from Kota Kinabalu to Bali
• Excursions as listed with experienced English-speaking local guides
• All activities and presentations
• All entrance fees
• Taxes and Gratuities (as listed)
• Fully escorted by Worldwide Quest tour manager/naturalist
• Accompanied by Dartmouth College study leader Nate Dominy

Not Included:
• Return international airfare from your home to the tour location
• Fuel surcharges, if applicable
• Airport departure taxes, if any
• Airport transfers, if not travelling as per the group flight itinerary
• Alcoholic beverages and bar expenses
• Travel insurance
• Excess baggage charges
• Phone calls and items of a personal nature
• Additional transport arrangements required due to any emergency situation

Payment Details:
A deposit of US$500 per person is required to reserve your space on this tour. A payment of US$1000 is due six months prior to departure. The balance is due 90 days prior to departure.
WHAT TO EXPECT

**Level of Activity: Moderate**
The trails that we use in our explorations of the parks and reserves are usually well marked and easy to follow. Please note however you can expect some hilly terrain and occasional slippery trails. Depending on how recently it has rained the trails anywhere could be muddy. Comfortable boots, with rugged soles, are recommended as light tennis-type shoes are not suitable for this trip. We recommend a trekking pole for extra stability and safety. You should also be able to get in and out of boats, with assistance.

**Accommodation**
During our tour of Borneo, we’ll be staying in a variety of clean, comfortable hotels and lodges throughout the island; the best available in the areas we are visiting. All of them suit our natural history theme and have been selected to allow us to be in the best location for the parks and reserves we are visiting. All have private bathrooms with hot water, and comfortable beds. Accommodation in Bali is in a boutique resort adjacent to the Monkey Forest and close to the town of Ubud.

**Transportation**
Depending on the size of our group, we will be using modern small to medium-sized vehicles in the regions we visit. We will also be using small boats for our river excursions.

**Weather**
The tropical climate varies between highlands and the coastal lowlands. You can expect average temperatures of 32°C on the coast and somewhat cooler temperatures in the interior.

**Travel Documents**
You will require a passport for your trip to Borneo, Malaysia and to Indonesia. Please make sure it is valid for six months after the date of your return home. A visa is required for entry to Indonesia. At the time of writing, this visa can be obtained upon arrival in Indonesia and the current cost is US$35.

ADDITIONAL INFO

**Extend your Stay**
If you are interested in exploring more of this region, we would be happy to design a personalized extension for you either before or after this tour. Please let us suggest some options, based on your time available, budget and interests.

**Pre-Departure Information**
Once we have reached the minimum number of participants for this tour, we will send you detailed Pre-Departure Information including information on health and travel documents, a suggested packing list and a suggested reading list.

**Terms and Conditions**
For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario - License # 2667946).

**Cancellation Policy**
All payments are non-refundable, however you may transfer your initial deposit for any land tour to another tour 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Initial deposits for cruises are non-refundable and non-transferable. Your second payment and your final payment are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credits will be given for services not used. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing.

**Travel Insurance**
We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory on all our tours.
RESERVATION FORM
Please complete and mail/fax/e-mail to Worldwide Quest. One form per traveller, please.

TRIP NAME: ____________________________________________  TRIP DATE: ____________________________________________

Last Name: ____________________________________________  First Name(s): ____________________________________________
(Name must be shown EXACTLY as it appears in your PASSPORT)

☐ Male  ☐ Female  Title: ______________  Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy)________________________

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Street Address: ____________________________________________  City/Town: ____________________________

Province/State: ____________________  Postal/Zip Code: ____________________  Country: __________________________

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E-mail Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

DEPOSIT: $_____________ Cheque, Money Order, Bank Draft  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ VISA

Credit Card Number: __________________________________________________________________________________
(If you have already provided your CC details by phone, please indicate the last four digits only)

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Cardholder Signature: ____________________________________________  Date: ____________________________

SINGLE TRAVELLERS

☐ I am travelling alone and am willing to share (Worldwide Quest will try to find a roommate for me).
Note: If Worldwide Quest cannot find a roommate for you, the single supplement will apply.

☐ I would like to have a guaranteed single room and will pay the single supplement.

In completing this form, I affirm that I am in general good health, capable of performing the required exercise to participate, and that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of, any condition that would jeopardize myself or other members of this tour. I accept as my personal risk the hazards of such participation, and will not hold Worldwide Quest International Inc. or its representatives responsible. I confirm that I am over the age of 18 and hereby release and forever discharge Worldwide Quest International Inc., its officers, directors, servants and agents from any liability whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in this trip, and I declare this release is binding upon me, my heirs, executors and assigns. I agree that this agreement shall be governed in all aspects by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of Ontario, Canada.

I have read the Detailed Trip Itinerary as well as the Terms & Conditions outlined in the current Worldwide Quest or Quest Nature Tours brochure/website. I also understand that the unique nature of this type of travel sometimes involves accommodations, transport, safety and medical facilities not found on a conventional vacation.

SIGNATURE: _____________________________  DATE: _____________________________