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BORNEO & BALI

Spectacular Biodiversity and Timeless Culture

October 10 – 20, 2017

OVERVIEW

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

Nathaniel (Nate) Dominy is Professor of Anthropology and Biological Sciences at Dartmouth. His research is focused on the foraging ecology of humans and nonhuman primates, with a particular emphasis on populations in Africa and Southeast Asia. He completed his BA at Johns Hopkins University (1998), his PhD at the University of Hong Kong (2001), and a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Chicago (2004). He is the recipient of grants and fellowships from the National Geographic Society, the Leakey Foundation, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the National Science Foundation, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. He has published over 100 articles and he is an elected fellow of the Explorer's Club, the Royal Geographic Society, and the Royal Anthropological Institute. In 2010, he was named a "Brilliant 10" scientist under the age of 40 by Popular Science magazine. He lives in Norwich, VT with his wife and two children.

SIGNATURE MOMENTS

Spotting
Proboscis Monkeys
and Bornean
Orangutans during
a boat ride

Hearing the
swooping of
Rhinoceros
Hornbills during
our canopy walk

Witnessing the
Flying Lemur
in action

Walking to
the Tanah Lot
Temple at
low tide

Experiencing
Balinese
hospitality

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DETAILED ITINERARY

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.



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After the video, we'll take a ten minute walk through the rainforest to witness the feeding of the orangutans from an open viewing deck. When the keepers bring food to the feeding platform, set up about 7 metres above the ground, the orangutans come to the platform by swinging along a number of ropes that are attached to neighbouring trees. This feeding time usually lasts for about an hour and is certain to be one of the highlights of our trip to Borneo.

After Sepilok, we'll proceed to the nearby Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC). The RDC is a veritable gateway to understanding the uniqueness and importance of Borneo's rainforests and has many highlights, including its exhibition halls, the Plant Discovery Garden, the Kapili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, and a small lake for boat rides. There is a network of elevated steel walkways that will allow us visitors to view life from above the canopy. These steel walkways and three towers will enable us to view many of the over 250 species of colorful bird from 100 feet above the ground. We may see the endemic and peculiar Bornean Bristlehead, trogons, pittas, kingfishers and more from the observation tower. It may be possible to see Orang-utans from here too. We may also take a stroll at the beautiful Plant Discovery Garden which is replete with a various of aromatic and interesting plants. We may also see the giant pitcher plants of the *Nepenthes* genus, orchids and an extensive collection of other flora all neatly labeled. We'll have lunch at the centre before returning to the return. 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



Stork-billed Kingfisher

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. In the afternoon,

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

Sunday, October 15 – Monday, October 16: Danum Valley Conservation Area

During our time in the Danum Valley Conservation Area, we will be able to explore this untouched lowland rainforest through its fine network of trails and canopy walks. The rainforest is rich in mammals and, during our day and evening trail walks, we will be on the lookout for Red Leaf Monkey, Borneo Pygmy Elephant, Prévost's Squirrel, Lesser Mouse Deer and possibly more Bornean Orangutan. There is an amazing variety of birds to be seen here including the world's largest pheasant – the unique Argus Pheasant – and a host of woodpeckers, hornbills, trogons, cuckoos, and fantails. On our first full day here, Dr. Dominy will present the following lecture:

Primate Origins, with an Eye on Borneo

This lecture will focus on the ecology of Danum Valley, with a particular emphasis on primates, colugos, and treeshrews, and how the color vision of these animals informs debate on the origins of primates.

Overnight: Borneo Rainforest Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tuesday, October 17: Lahad Datu, fly to Bali

After breakfast and check-out, we depart for Lahad Datu and our flight to Bali. Once in Bali, we transfer to our hotel in Ubud. This is the cultural heart of the island, filled with Balinese culture in its museums, galleries and dances. Despite its popularity, Bali remains eminently worthy of its iconic status. We're staying

in a pretty resort overlooking an expanse of gorgeous terraced rice paddies, ideal for relaxation and peaceful contemplation.

Overnight: Wapa Di Ume Ubud

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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

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.



Rice terraces in Bali

TOUR DETAILS

Tour Cost (per person): Approx. US\$7335

Taxes and gratuities: US\$325

Single Supplement: Approx. US\$2500

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.