

*You are Cordially Invited to Join*



*and*

***Lisa Dabek***

***Senior Conservation Scientist at  
Woodland Park Zoo  
On a Unique***

# **BORNEO WILDLIFE JOURNEY**

**September 26 to October 8, 2016**



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# OUR ESCORT AND JOURNEY

In the northeast corner of the Island of Borneo, lies the Malaysian state of Sabah, also known as "The Land Below the Wind." Please join Woodland Park Zoo on this journey to Borneo, a destination visited by relatively few Americans, but offers a surprising array of wildlife, nature and cultures. We visit Kinabalu National Park, Sukau and the Kinabatangan River area, the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre, Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, and the Rainforest Discovery Center, among other points of interest. By special arrangement, meetings with representatives of the Hutan Conservation Project, a project of Woodland Park Zoo's Partners for Wildlife, will be planned. On this tour we are likely to encounter an unusual array of flora and wildlife, including hornbills, elephants, and, of course, orangutans and monkeys.

Please join Dr. Lisa Dabek, **Senior Conservation Scientist** at Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, WA, on this journey. She founded (in 1996), and is **Director** of, WPZ's signature field conservation program, the community-based Tree Kangaroo Conservation Program (TKCP) in Papua New Guinea (PNG). She was hired as the first Director of the Field Conservation Department at Woodland Park Zoo when it was created in 2005. Lisa earned her Ph.D. in Animal Behavior and Conservation Biology from the University of Washington. Her bachelor's degree is in Biology and Environmental Studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

For more information on this journey, please contact Terry at Parker Travel (800-995-4422), or Jennie Brixey at Woodland Park Zoo (206-548-2419).

## OUR ITINERARY

### Monday, September 26 - Depart Seattle

We depart Seattle today onboard an overnight flight to Asia.

### Tuesday, September 27 - (In Flight)

(This day is lost due to crossing the International Date Line).

### Wednesday, September 28 - Arrive Kota Kinabalu

Evening arrival at Kota Kinabalu International Airport, where we are met and transferred to our hotel for overnight. **Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa.**



### Thursday, September 29 - Kota Kinabalu

Morning at leisure to rest up after the long trip, or to enjoy the resort's facilities. The afternoon will be spent on an excursion to the nearby Mari Mari Cultural Village, an open-air museum that aims to preserve the Bornean ethnic culture. It features demonstrations of five distinct sub-cultures. In addition to the guided visit itself, we'll also enjoy a high tea before returning to our hotel. (Note: If

you prefer, you can participate in an alternative trip to Gaya Island, including lunch and a chance to snorkel, hike or relax, before returning to the hotel.) This evening, we'll enjoy a special welcome dinner at our hotel. If available, one or more members of the Hutan conservation project will join us for dinner and give us an overview of their conservation activities. **Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa.** (B,L,D)



### Friday, September 30 - Kota Kinabalu to Kinabalu National Park Area

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll depart on a 2-hour overland journey, through rice paddies and across the scenic Crocker Range, to the foothills of Mt. Kinabalu (5,000 ft). A short stop at roadside stalls at the Nabalu market will allow us to savor some of the local fruits in season. Arrive at Kinabalu National Park, a World Heritage Site. The Park is home to around 4,000 species of flora, 10 species



of mammals, and over 300 bird species. Among the Park's flora are some 1,400 species of orchids, over 600 species of ferns, and more than 40 species of oak trees, as well as carnivorous pitcher plants! We'll visit the Park's Education Center and the Mountain Garden. Proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **Zen Garden Resort (or similar).** (B,L,D)

### Saturday, October 1 - Kinabalu National Park Area to Sandakan

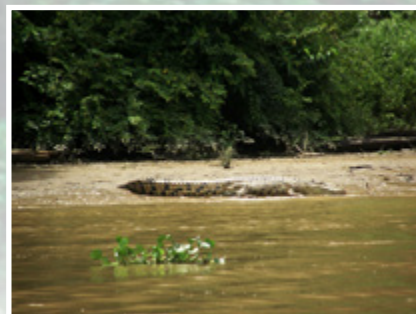
After breakfast, we drive to Poring, 1,500 ft above sea level, and east of the Kinabalu Park HQ. There we'll explore the tropical lowland

rainforest, and the jungle trail leading up to the treetop canopy walkways, suspended some 130 ft. above the forest floor, across giant mengaris trees, and a great variety of birds! We'll enjoy lunch before driving 4 to 5 hours to reach Sandakan, and then proceeding to our lodge for dinner. A night walk will allow us to search for nocturnal wildlife. **Sepilok Nature Resort (or similar).** (B,L,D)

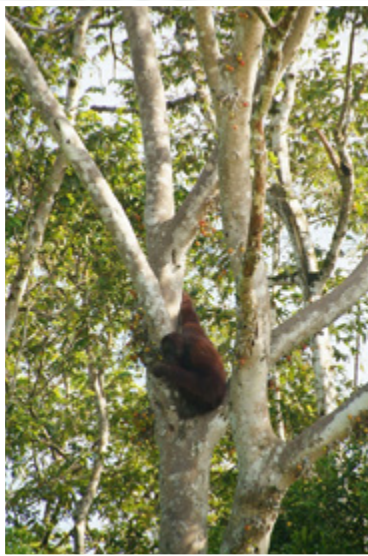


### Sunday, October 2 - Sandakan

We depart the Sepilok Nature Resort, and drive to the Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Center. There we'll watch a video show then walk ten minutes on wooden boardwalks through the rainforest to witness the feeding of the orangutans at 10:00 am. The afternoon will be spent visiting the Rainforest Discovery Center, where





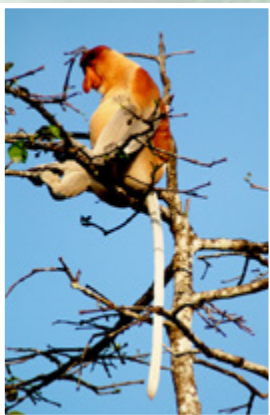


we will get a birds-eye view of the center from the canopy walk and hanging bridge. The canopy is also great for bird watchers to get a glimpse of some of the 250 species of birds found here, including hornbills, pitas, kingfishers and the rare Bornean Bristlehead. We'll also explore the botanical garden, home to various species of flora. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **Sepilok Nature Resort.** (B,L,D)

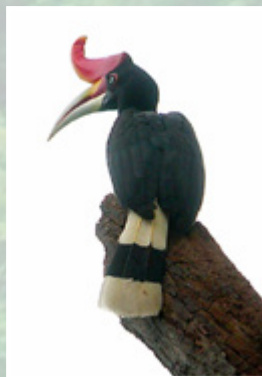
### Monday, October 3 - Sandakan to Sukau

Depart our hotel for a visit to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center. After lunch we transfer to the Sandakan jetty for a 2 1/2

hour boat journey to the Sukau Rainforest Lodge, located along Sabah's longest river, the Kinabatangan. Along the way, we'll have the opportunity to view birds and wildlife. If time permits, we'll take a river cruise in search of wildlife, including birds. Enjoy a candlelight dinner



overlooking the riverbank, followed by a slide show and interpretation by a naturalist guide. **Sukau Rainforest Lodge.** (B,L,D)



### Tuesday, October 4 - Sukau

We'll wake up to the calls of Gibbons and Hornbills. After breakfast we'll take a morning cruise to search for Orangutans, Proboscis Monkeys,

Elephants and more. If possible, in the afternoon we'll patrol with Wildlife Wardens from the elephant conflict mitigation unit. Enjoy an afternoon river cruise. This evening we'll have a possible visit by staff members of the Hutan Project who will enjoy dinner with us, and discuss the efforts being taken to preserve the Elephants. **Sukau Rainforest Lodge.** (B,L,D)



### Wednesday, October 5 - Sukau

This morning we'll again depart on a special trek in search of Orangutans and other special fauna. The afternoon will be spent on another river cruise searching for wildlife. A night cruise is planned tonight searching for crocodiles! **Sukau Rainforest Lodge.** (B,L,D)

### Thursday, October 6 - Sukau

We start with an early morning boat cruise. Return to the lodge for breakfast. Then proceed to Hutan's environmental education field site. We'll meet Hutan's reforestation team, and plant a tree seedling. Return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon we'll travel overland for about 15 miles to reach the vicinity of Gomantong Cave. This is one of the best areas to spot Orangutans in the wild. We traverse deep into the forest along a



trail in search of the "man of the jungle." Weather permitting, we'll witness the exodus of over two million bats as well as raptors. Return to our lodge for dinner and overnight. **Sukau Rainforest Lodge.** (B,L,D)

### Friday, October 7 - Sukau - Sandakan -

### Kota Kinabalu - Depart

After an early breakfast we return to Sandakan by boat. After lunch we will proceed to the Four Points by Sheraton, where day rooms will be provided to allow us to freshen up for the trip home. Late afternoon transfer to the Sandakan Airport for a flight back to Kota Kinabalu, where we connect to our late night flight back to the U.S. **Four Points by Sheraton Sandakan (Day Rooms).** (B,L)



### Saturday, October 8 - Arrive Seattle

Arrival back in Seattle today, full of lifelong memories of Borneo and its wildlife!

**Included Meal Codes:**  
**B - Breakfast**  
**L - Lunch**  
**D - Dinner.**







## JOURNEY PRICE

*(All Costs are Per Person)*

**Land Tour Cost - Double Occupancy .....\$4,438**

**Single Room Supplement .....\$744**

**Estimated Airfare from Seattle** *(Including all taxes, surcharges and fees).* .....**\$2,000**

*(Based on current fares, but subject to change until ticketed)*

### Land Tour Price Includes:

- Meeting at Kota Kinabalu Airport and private transfer to the hotel
- Activities and excursions, as indicated, including English-speaking guides, on a private basis (as appropriate)
- 9 Nights Accommodations in First-Class properties as indicated (or similar), with private facilities, on a double occupancy basis, plus day-rooms in Sandakan on day of departure
- All Meals from Breakfast on September 29 through Lunch on October 7
- Land transportation in air conditioned vehicles, on a private basis (as appropriate)
- Transportation by boat (regular or charter) on portions of the journey
- A Naturalist Guide will accompany the group throughout
- A representative of Woodland Park Zoo will accompany the group
- Applicable local and government taxes on accommodation and transportation

### Tour Price Does Not Include:

- International airfare from the U.S. to Borneo (quoted separately)
- Beverages (with meals or otherwise)
- Camera/Video fees (where required)
- Tips to driver/guides, and other land service providers
- Excess baggage fees
- Items of a personal nature, such as telephone calls, internet access fees, laundry, etc.
- Travel Insurance.

