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BORNEO, MALAYSIA

TREASURES, TRADITIONS & NATURE’S BOUNTY

JULY 29 TO AUGUST 10, 2020
Borneo ~ An Overview

“When I was right in the middle of Borneo, you thought you were in a different world.” ~ David Attenborough

Borneo is an amalgam of bio-diversity that blends uncharted forests filled with yet-to-be discovered species, a plethora of endemic trees, orchids and other flora, and animals like you’ve never seen before anywhere. Since 1996, reportedly 361 new animal and plant species have been identified, supporting the on-going efforts of international and local scientists to continue their explorations into the seven distinct eco-regions that make up the third largest island in the world (287,000 square miles). Currently, there are 288 mammals, 394 freshwater fish species, 100 amphibian species, 15,000 flowering plant species, 3,000 tree species and 420 resident bird species. To put in another perspective, 40% of the world’s palm species, 50% of the world’s dipterocarp trees and 20% of the world’s snakes are found only in Borneo. And for orchid lovers, this is a magical paradise of over 1,500 species in Sabah alone. Also, the world’s largest orchid, the tiger orchid, the world’s largest single flower, Rafflesia arnoldii, and the world’s largest composite flowers, the giant voodoo lily – are all found here. The island provides the only natural habitat for the endangered orangutan, and is a refuge for forest species, such as Asian elephant, Sumatran rhinoceros and Borneo clouded leopard. From the waters of the Kinabatangan River, to the primeval forests of Danum Valley, the romance and mystery of Borneo awaits you.

Your Host ~ Rice University Professor Cin-Ty Lee

Cin-Ty Lee is one of 173 scholars, artists and scientists — and the only Earth scientist — chosen as a 2017 Guggenheim Fellow. Lee joined Rice in 2002 and is a professor and chair of the Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences Department. He studies the compositions of rocks to reconstruct how Earth’s interior, surface, atmosphere and life have evolved over time. Lee is also a world-renowned field ornithologist who spends much of his spare time painting birds and traveling the world in search of birds.
YOUR ITINERARY:

DAYS 1/2 ~ WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY ~ JULY 29/30
HOUSTON/EN ROUTE
Depart Houston (approximately 7:10 pm) for Singapore where you connect with your flight to Kota Kinabalu. En route, you'll cross the international dateline and lose one calendar day. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 3 ~ FRIDAY ~ JULY 31
KOTA KINABALU
Arrive Kota Kinabalu (at 11:20am, per the current airline schedule), the capital of Sabah. The original town was razed during the Second World War and a new, carefully planned town was built in its place. Sabah, Malaysia's second largest state is mountainous with lush tropical forests. It is known as "Land below the Wind" because it lies below the typhoon belt. As early as 600 AD, Chinese traders brought porcelain to Sabah to trade for local spices and bird's nests.

The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy the amenities of your hotel and explore the city on your own. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and meet your fellow travelers. The new Kota Kinabalu Marriott Hotel in Sabah offers an idyllic location to explore the best of the "Land Below the Wind". Set on the famed waterfront – a popular center for dining and entertainment – and just 15 minutes from Kota Kinabalu International Airport, this hotel indulges guests in panoramic views of South China Sea. The hotel offers a number of amenities including an outdoor swimming pool, a fitness center, a bar and free Wi-Fi. Overnight at the KOTA KINABALU MARRIOTT HOTEL in deluxe seaview rooms. (Meals aloft, D)

DAY 4 ~ SATURDAY ~ AUGUST 1
KOTA KINABALU/SANDAKAN/ SANDAKAN MARKET/SIM SIM WATER VILLAGE
Your morning flight takes you to Sandakan, located on the east coast of Sabah. En route to your hotel, enjoy a visit to Sandakan Market, where the locals come to buy fresh produce, fruits, delicacies and crafts, sarongs and seashells. You may spot stalls selling shirts, shoes, bags and local handicraft such as crystal and pearl accessories. The fish market here is perhaps the biggest and busiest in Sabah and offers a stunning array of fresh seafood.

Your next stop is Sim Sim Water Village on the coast of Sandakan, located a couple of miles from the main city center. The water village on stilts is reachable by plank walkways and depicts the lives of some of the local fisherman families, their neat wooden houses and their daily activities. This is also the site of the original town of Sandakan which was founded in 1879.

You will be staying near the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation center. This endangered species is only found in Borneo and northern Sumatra – and is the only representative of the great apes outside central Africa. Orangutans live in forests where they build a new nest out of twigs and small branches daily. Their diet includes fruits, bark, leaves, durians, figs, rambutans and insects. The orangutan can live up to 30 years and the female can have three to four offspring in her lifetime. The youngsters learn to find their own
food, build their own nest and move around by the time they are six or seven years old. The Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center prides itself on returning orphaned and captive orangutans to the wild. Other protected animals brought to Sepilok include Malay sun bears, baby elephants, wild cats and even crocodiles.

Overnight at a SEPILOK NATURE RESORT in chalets. (B,D) http://www.dive-malaysia.com/sepilok_intro.html

**DAY 5 ~ SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 2**

**SANDAKAN ~ LABUK BAY/ SUN BEAR CONVERSATION CENTER/ SEPILOK ORANGUTAN REHABILITATION CENTER**

After breakfast, head to Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary, just a short drive from Sandakan located among the mangrove forests of Samawang. As the name suggests, this is the place to see one of the most distinctive and unusual inhabitants of Borneo - the proboscis monkey. This privately-owned sanctuary is within an Oil Palm estate, providing a chance to observe this unique primate at a very close range. The remarkable males sport big dangling noses, reddish flat-top hairstyles, white tails and markings, and pot bellies. The females on the other hand, are much smaller and have up-turned noses.

Later this morning, visit another endangered mammal – the Bornean (Malayan honey bear) sun bear at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre at Sepilok. Here, rescued sun bears will be housed and cared for in a natural setting with the goal to re-release them back into a healthy forest. The sun bear is the smallest, most arboreal and least known of the bear family.

Your final stop today is a visit to the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center. Here, the orangutans undergo a three-step process to learn to integrate socially and independently with the wild population of the forest. First, the animals are admitted to the Sepilok clinic for two months. This is designed to eliminate any exposure of communicable diseases for both orangutans and humans. Afterwards, wildlife rangers teach the apes the necessary survival skills like foraging for food. During the daily feeding time, you'll observe the orangutans as they playfully interact with each other and their environment. At the age of seven, the wildlife staff continues to supply the orangutans with fruits and milk, but this food is only a dietary supplement. The primates have already begun to look for their own food, resulting in fewer orangutans returning to Sepilok. Those who do come, swing in using branches and vines, creating an excellent opportunity to observe the orangutan in its natural habitat.

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Return to your lodge for dinner.

Overnight at a SEPILOK NATURE RESORT. (B,L,D)
**DAY 6 ~ MONDAY ~ AUGUST 3**

**SEPILOK ORANGUTAN CENTER/SUKAU**

After checking out of your resort, return to the Orangutan Center for a morning feeding with these magnificent animals and proceed to Sukau village. Relax by the river before embarking on a boat excursion along Kinabatangan, Sabah’s longest river, with an opportunity to view wildlife and birds in the virgin mangrove and rainforest habitat. Search for some of the primate species, including proboscis monkeys as they settle down on treetops.

Nestled along the riverbank of Kinabatangan River lies Borneo Nature Lodge – an eco-friendly resort, offering comfort without compromising green standards. At the end of an exciting day, find comfort in your air-conditioned bedroom at the lodge, which comes with an attached bathroom as well as coffee-making and other facilities. You will appreciate the ‘green’ design of the chalets built here - all electrical items run on solar power (with the exception of air-conditioners) and energy-saving light bulbs are used throughout the lodge. You will notice a fixed glass feature that allows natural light to pour into your room. In honor of the indigenous people, many of the decorative items you find here are authentically handmade. The lodge currently has 12 rooms able to accommodate 24 guests at a time with an additional twin-sharing handicapped friendly room. The lodge also has a restaurant, giving diners a choice to eat indoors or al fresco.

Overnight at the BORNEO NATURE LODGE, in standard chalet. (B,L,D)


**DAY 7 ~ TUESDAY ~ AUGUST 4**

**SUKAU**

You’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 wildlife. The evenings and early mornings can be a magical time for viewing wildlife. If the weather cooperates, you may go on through a mystical channel to a wonderful oxbow lake teeming with bird activity. Along the way you may see the fierce Stork-billed Kingfisher, the Oriental Darter (“snake bird”) and Gray-headed Fish-Eagles around the lake. Various reptiles may perch silently in the trees and you could see them with our discerning eyes. The feeling or tranquility here is exquisite!

The evenings and early mornings can be a magical time for viewing wildlife. In the afternoon, you will again have another wildlife river cruise and, after dinner, there will be a night safari cruise to try and spot nocturnal mammals, crocodiles and birds.

Overnight at the BORNEO NATURE LODGE. (B,L,D)
DAY 8 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ AUGUST 5

**Ox Bow Lake**

After an early breakfast proceed to Ox Bow Lake to observe wildlife and experience the early morning ambience of the longest river in Sabah. Oxbow Lake is a crescent shaped body of water lying alongside the Kinabatangan River. The lake separated from the main river as erosion and deposits of soil changed the river’s course. The lake is ideal for bird watching, and sometimes orangutans are spotted in this quiet and serene area. Later in the morning, enjoy a special treat sharing tea at one of the village houses. This is an opportunity to interact with the host and try your hand at playing a local musical instrument. After a tour of the village and a short jungle walk along the lake, return to the lodge for lunch. Later in the afternoon depart on another river cruise to observe the flora and fauna of the area. Overnight at the BORNEO NATURE LODGE. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 ~ THURSDAY ~ AUGUST 6

**Sukau/Danum Valley ~ Borneo Rainforest Lodge**

Your drive takes you to Borneo Rainforest Lodge, located in Sabah's largest protected lowland forest, Danum Valley Conservation Area, comprised of 108,230 acres of pristine virgin rain forest. The Dipterocarp forest found in Borneo is considered to be the world's tallest and oldest, having existed for over 100 million years. It is also one of world's richest areas for species variation with more than 200 tree species per 1,000 sq. feet! Within this paradise is a lodge designed by naturalists with magnificent views of forest, mountains and the Danum River just below.

Although very difficult to spot, the conservation area nonetheless shelters more than 270 species of birds and 109 species of mammals, including Asian elephant, orangutan, five species of deer, and Bornean rarities such as Sumatran rhinoceros, clouded leopard, and the impressive Bulwer's pheasant. Danum Valley supports one of the largest remaining populations of wild orangutans. Although they are elusive, you will have a good chance of seeing them under the guidance of the lodge's expert trackers. Do remember that in spite of the diversity and large numbers of animals, most are extremely well hidden. But you will nevertheless see an incredible diversity of flora and fauna, including some of the world's largest butterflies and moths. It's impossible to say which animals you encounter but at some time during your visit, you're sure to happen upon a delicate mouse deer or a snorting group of bearded pigs, or awaken to the haunting call of Bornean gibbons and glimpse giant flying squirrels gliding through the canopy.

The lodge itself has 28 twin-bedded rooms in 23 bungalows made of Borneo’s famous hardwoods. All have a balcony and en suite facilities. The Borneo Rainforest Lodge is the perfect place to enjoy this beautiful environment. Overnight at the BORNEO RAINFOREST LODGE in normal deluxe and premium deluxe rooms. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 ~ FRIDAY ~ AUGUST 7
DANUM VALLEY~COFFIN TRAIL/SEGAMA TRAIL/EAST TRAIL
Trek along the “coffin trail” to an ancient Kadazandusun burial site at Coffin Cliff. Climb 40 minutes to a magnificent lookout point for a bird’s eye view over the Danum Valley and the Borneo lowland forest, and then return to your lodge for lunch. Optional: Water tubing for an hour in the Danum River or trekking along the Segama River. In the evening, if weather permits, enjoy a night walk around the lodge in search of nocturnal animals.
Overnight at the BORNEO RAINFOREST LODGE. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 ~ SATURDAY ~ AUGUST 8
DANUM VALLEY
In the morning, hike the Serpent Trail and Fairy Trail in search of wildlife. Return to the Lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, take another walk on one of your favorite trails in search of more wildlife. After dinner, you will have an option of a night walk or night drive (subject to space availability on the vehicles).

This evening, join your group for a farewell dinner.
Overnight at the BORNEO RAINFOREST LODGE. (B,L,D)

DAYS 12/13 ~ SUNDAY/MONDAY ~ AUGUST 9/10
DANUM VALLEY/ KOTA KINABALU/ HOUSTON
Enjoy your morning at leisure before transferring to Lahad Datu airport for your flight to Kota Kinabalu. Here, you connect with your flight (7:55 PM, per your current schedule) arriving home via Singapore the next day, bringing with you the wonderful memories of this exotic destination. (B, Meals Aloft)
OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO SARAWAK

Day 12 ~ Sunday ~ August 9
Danum Valley/Lahad Datu/Kota Kinabalu
Today you bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to the U.S. as you fly to Kota Kinabalu and spend the night at the Kota Kinabalu Marriott Hotel.
Overnight at the KOTA KINABALU MARriott HOTEL in deluxe seaView room. (B,L)

Day 13 ~ Monday ~ August 10
Kota Kinabalu/Kuching

Return to the airport for your flight to Kuching, the capital and cultural center of the state of Sarawak, nestled in the northern part of Borneo. This afternoon, enjoy a cruise along the Sarawak River, a relaxing way to view the various phases of the city, retracing the trip James Brooke made when he first arrived in Sarawak. Take in the sights of the Waterfront, Brooke Dockyard, the 100-year old Malay Kampung, Fort Magherita, Astana, Square Tower and the houses and mansions of Kuching’s affluent society. The living scenery gives you a snapshot of the history and lifestyles of Kuching.

Your deluxe hotel is situated in the heart of the city and overlooks the Kuching River, dotted with sampans and lined with a colorful boardwalk where local families promenade after dinner. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax or shop around.
Overnight at the HILTON KUCHING in standard room. (B)
DAY 14 ~ TUESDAY ~ AUGUST 11
KUCHING ~ KUBAH NATIONAL PARK
Your morning excursion is to Kubah National Park, situated close to Kuching on a small sandstone plateau, which offers an interesting range of treks and forest walks. Kubah’s appeal lies in its rain forest scenery, its waterfalls, streams and bathing pools and its 93 species of palms. After lunch, return to Kuching for a tour on foot of this riverside city. See buildings dating back to the days of the White Rajahs, ancient Chinese temples, and colorful markets displaying the produce that first brought traders to Borneo.

After lunch, proceed on a city tour of Kuching by foot. Visit Tua Pek Kong Temple built in 1876, explore the Main Bazaar, walk along the Bishop Gate Street to see the rattan furniture making shop, Coffin shop, and Chinese café, turn into Carpenter Street where you see more furniture shops and cafes; at the end of the road take a photo of the old General Post Office, Textile Museum and end the tour at the old Court House; you can also take a beautiful photo of the new State Assembly Hall across the Sarawak River. This evening is at leisure to sample the wonderful array of cuisine here.

Overnight at the HILTON KUCHING. (B,L)

DAY 15 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ AUGUST 12
KUCHING/SEMENGGOH/AIMAN BATANG AI RESORT
After breakfast, depart for the Semenggoh Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, located a short drive from the center of the city. Observe the feeding of orangutans that have been rescued from captivity and are being trained to survive independently and ultimately be returned to the forest. Spot their delicate nests; watch their skillful movements on the tree tops and their interesting behavior during feeding time. The guide will also narrate to you the behavior and characteristics of this special primate.

Afterward, depart on your four-hour journey to Aiman Batang Ai Resort, passing through the scenic green countryside. The vast land on both sides of the road is dotted with vegetable farms, padi fields, rubber, pepper, palm, and cocoa plantations which are some of the top revenue earner crops of Sarawak. En route, you will have a brief stopover at the small native town of Serian for a chance to experience the busy daily wet market and witness some of the rare jungle produce brought by the natives from the deep jungle to sell to the town folks. A brief lunch break will be at “Lachau” – small popular “cowboy” town for Indonesian natives from the nearby Kalimantan border town. You could do your last-minute shopping for the gift to present to your Iban hosts next day. The car ride will end at Batang Ai Resort Reception jetty, where a 20-minute boat ride will bring you to the resort. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy your resort.

Located on the fringe of the Batang Ai National Park, your 100-room resort was previously managed by Hilton and offers pristine nature surrounded by nearby tribal communities and wildlife who have made Batang Ai their home. Fashioned in the traditional longhouse design, the resort offers endless opportunities for invigorating sports and activities or simply relaxation and peace.

Overnight at the AIMAN BATANG AI RESORT. (B,L,D)
http://aimanbatangai.com/
Day 16 ~ Thursday ~ August 13
Mengkak Longhouse/Kuching

After breakfast, check-out from the resort and proceed to visit Mengkak Longhouse, which is located at the mouth of Sungai Engkari, a 45-minute ride by longboat from last night’s accommodation. The longhouse is built from ironwood or softwood on stilts about a meter above ground, comprising of a long communal hall and verandah. A row of bilek bilek (meaning rooms) represents the number of families staying in this longhouse, which is roughly 30 to 40 “bileks” (each for one family) all under one roof. Meet with its inhabitants and share a moment of their day. Enjoy a glass of tuak (rice wine) and see a cultural performance with Iban hosts on the Ruai (a common verandah.) It is fascinating to observe the lifestyle which takes you back centuries in time. The locals here still spin cotton, weave the pua (traditional cloth), hunt with blowpipes, dance to the music of the traditional gongs, and drink tuak. The Iban will demonstrate their favorite gambling game and use of the blowpipe. This is a chance for you to try this popular leisure game and polish your skill using this deadly weapon. You will cherish this opportunity to interact directly with a culture that is far different than your own.

Lunch will be served at the longhouse. Soon after, transfer back to Kuching and en-route stop at the Sarawak pottery. You will be fascinated by the delicate and creative work of the skillful artists. Kuching is a good destination to shop for souvenirs such as woodcarvings, “Pua Kumbu” with native design and Pepper products. Sarawak Bird’s Nest Factory and the local Product Centre are also famous shops found in Kuching. Overnight at the HILTON KUCHING in standard room. (B, packed L)

Day 17 ~ Friday ~ August 14
Bako National Park

Your short drive takes you to Bako Village. By fast boat this morning, you will cross over to Bako National Park, the best location in Sarawak to see wildlife. Set in the delta northeast of Kuching, Bako National Park gives a glimpse of a tropical coastal ecosystem that once surrounded most of the equatorial coasts of the world. Lush mangroves give way to soaring rainforest and short desert-like scrub similar to the outback of Australia. You will also see carnivorous pitcher plants. Nearly 20 miles of walking tracks weave throughout Bako, Borneo’s oldest national park.

The park has been called one of Borneo’s best short-visit wildlife experiences. At Telok Assam, park headquarters, hornbills are common in the treetops, while large monitor lizards scavenge the forest floor and wild boar come around to be fed. Three species of primates are a guarantee – long-tailed macaques, silver-leaf monkeys, and the proboscis monkey. This is the best place in the wild to see the proboscis monkey (other than Sukau River). Boardwalks through the mangroves provide an excellent opportunity for you to examine one of the most endangered habitat-types in the world at close hand. In Bako, all three red, black and white mangroves are found. As you might imagine in the varied habitats that Bako offers, bird watching is excellent with over 200 species of land and water birds. Return to Kuching in the afternoon.
Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner and reminisce with your fellow travelers about all the amazing sites you’ve seen on this trip.
Overnight at the HILTON KUCHING. (B, packed L, D)

**DAYS 18/19 ~ SATURDAY/SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 15/16**

**KUCHING/SINGAPORE/HOUSTON**

Your day is at leisure in Kuching to take in the fabulous shopping and relax before your flight home. A dayroom is reserved for you at the HILTON KUCHING. In the late evening, transfer to the airport for your late-night flight (10:25 PM, *per your current schedule*) back home via Singapore arriving home the next day. (B, Meals Aloft)
Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change.

**OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION TO SINGAPORE**

**DAYS 1/2/3 ~ SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY ~ JULY 25/26/27**

**HOUSTON/SINGAPORE**

Late this afternoon board your overnight flight to Singapore. En route, you’ll cross the international dateline and lose one calendar day. (Meals Aloft)

Upon arrival at Changi International Airport (on day 3), you will be met by our English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel, where the rest of your day is at leisure.

Your historic 5-star hotel, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, is located near the mouth of the Singapore River and enjoys expansive views of the marina.

Originally known as the Fullerton Building, and also as the General Post Office Building, it was commissioned in 1924 as part of the British colony’s centennial celebrations. In the 1950s, The Fullerton Building became an unofficial public monument which stood out of the City’s Skyline as the most prominent feature of the waterfront. On its rooftop stood the lighthouse, whose beacon guided all ships approaching the harbor, and in time, it became the symbol of Singapore, appearing in every postcard. In 1997 it was purchased by a Hong Kong company and began its transformation into the fabulous hotel it now is. The Fullerton Hotel Singapore was officially opened by then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong on January 1, 2001 and has welcomed many guests since then, offering excellent service and facilities from which to explore dynamic Singapore.

Overnight at the FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE. (Meals Aloft)

https://www.fullertonhotels.com/the-fullerton-hotel

**DAYS 4 ~ TUESDAY ~ JULY 28**

**SINGAPORE~ TOUR OF TEMPLES, CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS & NIGHT SAFARI**

Your morning is at leisure to explore on your own. In the afternoon, experience the various cultures as you explore each ethnic heritage enclave and the temples. At Kampong Glam, admire the quiet majesty of the Sultan’s Mosque with its unmistakable golden dome. Take a stroll along Arab Street, which was well known as a textile haven in the 1950s and 1960s. Travel to the heart of Chinatown and experience the rows of streets and traditional shophouses lovingly restored into tempting eateries, teahouses, and shops. Little India completes the cultural kaleidoscope with its bustling streets showcasing aromatic and exotic spices, colorful flower-garland shops, vegetable vendors, and busy curry houses.
End your day with Singapore’s famed Night Safari. As dusk falls over the tropical rain forest, the animals come alive at the world’s first open-concept nocturnal zoo. Experience it all via a tram ride, on foot, and during entertaining shows featuring the all-star cast of nocturnal animals.
Overnight at the FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE. (B)

**DAY 5 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ JULY 29**
**SINGAPORE~ MORNING AT THE SINGAPORE ZOO/AFTERNOON TOUR TO MARINA BAY SANDS SKYPARK**
Start your day at the Singapore Zoo, spread over 70 acres, home to over 3,600 mammals, birds, and reptiles. Natural barriers such as streams, rock walls, and beautiful landscaping are used to separate the animals from visitors, thus creating an “open zoo” effect. Your tour this afternoon will begin with a scenic view of Singapore from the Marina Bay Sands SkyPark. Proceed to Helix Bridge, a 900-foot pedestrian linkway — the longest in Singapore — that features the world’s first double-helix structure. Move on to the Gardens by the Bay, which span over 250 acres. The gardens house two domes or conservatories, Cloud Forest and Flower Dome. Later, be dazzled by the magnificent sight of the Supertrees and let the music and lights entertain you during the daily Garden Rhapsody light and sound shows!
Overnight at the FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE. (B,D)

**DAY 6 ~ THURSDAY~ JULY 30**
**SINGAPORE~MORNING JURONG BIRD PARK/AFTERNOON AT LEISURE**
Step into Jurong Bird Park, Asia’s largest, with a collection of over 5,000 birds from 400 species. You’ll meet the many feathered residents during daily feeding sessions, even glimpsing exclusive birds like the crested guinea fowl, iridescent starling, and turaco. Your afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy a farewell Singapore dinner tonight.
Overnight at the FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE. (B,D)

**DAY 7 ~ FRIDAY ~ JULY 31**
**SINGAPORE~BOTANICAL GARDEN/KOTA KINABALU**
Your morning is devoted to the Singapore Botanic Garden. Enjoy a walk through the Orchid Garden, which boasts a colorful display of 60,000 orchid plants, with 400 species and more than 2,000 varieties in bloom, including the many special orchid hybrids named after visiting VIPs. Here is where you will spot Singapore’s national flower, the Vanda Miss Joaquim!

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Kota Kinabalu where you’ll meet up with the rest of the group that arrived in the morning and continue on your tour of Malaysia. (B)
INCLUSIONS

- All flights within Malaysia as per itinerary on the main trip: Kota Kinabalu/Sandakan & Lahad Datu/Kota Kinabalu.
- Flight between Singapore and Kota Kinabalu on the pre-tour extension.
- Flights between Lahad Datu/Kuching/Singapore on the post tour-extension.
- Superior or rustic (best available) accommodations as indicated or similar.
- Breakfast daily and other meals as specified in itinerary.
- Sightseeing in Wildlife Reserves and points of interest as indicated, escorted by English speaking guide or naturalist guide in private vehicles and boats.
- A host from Rice University will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on both the main and extension programs.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallets.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip air transportation from Houston to Kota Kinabalu, including fuel surcharges and airline taxes (quoted separately). The post extension returns from Singapore.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. No visas are required for Malaysia/Borneo.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Gratuities to driver/guides, specialist-guide and other conveyance attendants. Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate $10 per person/per day for the specialist guide. $5 per person/per day for the driver. $5 per person/per day for the local guides; $5 per person/per day for the lodge staff. $3 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport / hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

PLEASE NOTE THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING, AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BORNEO

Participants:
- Must be able to climb in and out of, as well as move around in confined quarters within minibuses, boats and motor coaches unassisted. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to tolerate nature walks at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time in heat and humidity.
- Must be able to tolerate riding on uncomfortably uneven, bumpy and winding roads for long periods of time (six hours maximum)
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

In general, this trip requires:
- Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur. True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations.
- A spirit of adventure, curiosity, and flexibility.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with overall good infrastructure but with at times rustic accommodations and adventure activities. That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules
Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. The start and end city for this program is Kota Kinabalu. The post extension returns from Singapore.

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.
YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: Kota Kinabalu, Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, Sukau, Ox Bow Lake, Danum Valley & Lahad Datu; Post-Tour Extension to Sarawak includes Kuching, Iban Longhouse, Kubah & Bako National Parks; Pre-Tour Extension To Singapore.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Rice University Alumni Association

ESCORTED BY: A Host From Rice University

DATES: July 29 to August 10, 2019

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<th>Cost: Per Person, Double Occupancy</th>
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*Single Supplement: Rate is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms, additional supplement may apply. Singles are assigned on a first come/first serve basis.

**All international airfares are subject to change and based on minimum number of travelers. Taxes are subject to change until ticketed. Please note that the special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradable.

Departure City: Houston (other departure cities available upon request)
CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: Office of Alumni Relations – MS 520, Rice Alumni Traveling Owls, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of $1,800 per person for the main trip and $600 for each of the extensions must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (April 25, 2020) you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates, and other factors and are subject to change. Although it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum number of travelers is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, as well as service charges for obtaining visas; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but they will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single-room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in airfare costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist guide are included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to April 25, 2020, $300 per person administrative fee, plus $500 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- April 26 to May 5, 2020, deposit is forfeited.
- May 6 to May 15, 2020 less 75% of tour cost.
- After May 15, 2020, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of $150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The responsibility is the guest’s to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder’s country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc., not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.
PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip, economy-class flights via SINGAPORE AIRLINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between HOUSTON and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; please inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: For SINGAPORE AIRLINES, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check-in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: As mentioned, we work primarily with SINGAPORE AIRLINES. For a list of the airline’s partners, visit http://www.singaporeair.com. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Round-trip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline’s policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company, nor Washington & Lee University, shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the aforesaid shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest’s booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the aforesaid it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.
Changes to Schedules: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules, it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right, and in fact is obliged, to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

Refunds: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund, either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

Airline Clause: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers’ tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

Delays: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

Consent: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure, whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing and signed by an authorized director of the Company.

Insurance: It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Borneo. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest’s dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above-mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

Included Emergency Evacuation Coverage: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan, during this trip through, Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to $100,000
- Up to $25,000 medical expense and up to $500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24 hour worldwide travel and medical assistance

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.
Dear Traveler,

In an effort to help protect our planet, Classic Escapes has begun the transition of becoming paperless. We need your help getting there!

Did you know?
Recycling one ton of paper saves 20 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, three cubic yards of landfill space, 60 pounds of air pollutants, and saves enough energy to power the average home for six months….

Please indicate in the chart below whether or not you prefer to receive paperless correspondence from us: all you need to do is put a check under the “green” symbol for yes or a check under the “NO” for no.

Simply fax or email your responses to reservations@classicescapes.com!

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Your Name: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Trip Tour Code – 20ASL0729/RICE

Together we can make the world a better place!

Thank you for your support,
RESERVATION FORM:  RICE UNIVERSITY ~BORNEO  20ASL0729/RICE

Enclosed is my deposit for $ ______________ ($1,800 per person for the main trip and $600 for each extension) to hold ___________ place(s) on the Classic Wildlife Adventure to Borneo departing on July 29, 2020. Cost is $8,695 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Houston is $2,690. (As of February 22, 2019, and subject to change).

Final payment due date is: April 25, 2020

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to Office of Alumni Affairs MS 520, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892

Charge deposit to:  ____ MasterCard     ____ Visa     ____ American Express     ____ Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to the Office of Alumni Affairs via mail or fax to 713-348-5210)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  ___________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) / /  
Passport No. ___________________________ Green Card No. ___________________________ Expiration Date ___________ Nationality ___________

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  ___________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) / /  
Passport No. ___________________________ Green Card No. ___________________________ Expiration Date ___________ Nationality ___________

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:  1) ______________________________________  2) ______________________________________

STREET ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

CITY: _____________________________________________________________________________ STATE: _________________ ZIP: __________

PHONES: HOME: ( ) _____________ _____________ OFFICE: ( ) _____________ _____________ MOBILE: ( ) _____________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________ FAX: ( ) _____________

☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of, any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

☐ A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ☐ ONE  ☐ TWO Beds (make one selection only)

☐ I am sharing with ___________________________________________________________ (form sent separately)

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Rice Alumni or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single-room supplement. ☐ Smoker ☐ Nonsmoker

☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single-room supplement additional cost of:     ☐ $1,995 for the main trip     ☐ $695 for the post–extension to Sarawak.  ☐ $1,195 for the post–extension to Singapore.

☐ I/We wish to participate in the optional post-tour extension at an additional per person cost of:  ☐ $2,495 for the main trip to Sarawak.  ☐ $2,895 for the pre–extension to Singapore.

☐ Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Houston via Singapore Airlines

☐ Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: ___________________________________________________________________________ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

☐ Please send me information on air upgrades for: ☐ Business/First Class (only one class, business/first, exists)

Airline Seating Preference** ☐ Aisle ☐ Window ☐ Frequent Flier #

**We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, this is only a request and NOT GUARANTEED, as some seating assignments may be at airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection. The special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradable.

☐ We STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________________________ DATE: _____________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________________________ DATE: _____________

Office of Alumni Relations – MS 520
Rice Alumni Traveling Owls
P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card

Card number       Expiration date

Card Verification Number*       Card Type

Billing address of credit card

Amount of transaction

Services rendered/Items purchased

Phone number

Signature       Date

*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:
(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number that follows the credit card number. American Express: Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted for this tour on which I’m making a payment are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of February 25, 2019, and are subject to change. Deposit is non-refundable – see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel.

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PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires a photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver’s license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.