

Project Summary

Location: Sabah, Malaysian Borneo.

Duration: 5 days, 4 nights

About the Project

This programme is focused around the Corridor of Life project, a joint venture between the Sabah government and WWF Malaysia, to replant a staggering 26,000 hectares of forest with the goal of connecting the existing patches into one long unbroken forest stretching along the river from the heart of Borneo to the ocean on Sabah's east coast.

Students are directly involved in planting and maintaining patches of this forest, where they will also be asked to make measurements of the saplings' growth rates, valuable data which is passed on to WWF.

Amongst other activities, students are also involved in spotting and recording wildlife from boats as they travel up and down the river, using GPS satellites to help survey the density and diversity patterns of wildlife along the river and clear the river of invasive species like water hyacinth.

Throughout the whole trip our emphasis is placed evenly across fun, experiential learning, and each student's potential to make a personal impact on the future of the forests, wildlife and people of Sabah.

This programme fulfils the objectives of all IB programmes in terms of achieving the service requirement of CAS – Creativity, Action and Service.

Accommodation and Food

The village style B&B accommodation sleeps 2 – 3 people to a room, some with fans and some with air-conditioning. All rooms have an en suite toilet and cold shower,

Breakfast and lunch are served at accommodation, offering a mixture of western and Asian style food. Dinner will be eaten at private homes in the village, allowing students to spend some time getting to know the local community.

In Sepilok the choice of accommodation is between a B&B close to the Rainforest Discovery Centre with mixture dorm and twin rooms, or another B&B around 5 minutes drive away, accommodating 36 students in three 12-bed dormitories.



The village run Bed and Breakfast

Transportation

All transfers are included in the package cost, and are by registered operators who are checked regularly to ensure they meet health and safety requirements.

Travel up and down the river is by boat and is also included in the package cost. Boats and their drivers are fully licensed and provide lifejackets which must be worn by students at all times.

Flights to and from programmes are not included. We recommend that you purchase your flights through a reputable travel agent.

Health and Safety

The health and safety of your students are our top priority. Many schools opt to bring their own qualified nurse/ first aiders along on the trip. However as an add on, we can also provide a fully qualified nurse to accompany the group for the duration of their time on the river. Please contact us for more information.

Itinerary

Day 1	Activity	Learning Outcomes
Morning	-Arrive in Sandakan before noon and travel to Sepilok -Settle into accommodation	
Afternoon	- Welcome and program overview -Visit Rainforest Discovery Centre (RDC) -Jungle trekking at RDC	- Experience the forest canopy and learn about primary forest
Evening	- Relax at accommodation - Observation techniques – training - Canopy walk in the night	- Experiential learning about diurnal and nocturnal life patterns

Day 2	Activity	Learning Outcomes
Morning	- Observation of semi-wild orang-utans at Sepilok. Nature walk during which we can also spot orang-utan nests.	- Scientific skills of animal observation of feeding and social behaviour in rehabilitated orangutans
Afternoon	-Depart for Lower Kinabatangan , observe closely the changing habitat along the way -Settle in to accommodation	- Theoretical understand of the issues of habitat fragmentation
Evening	-Briefing on Corridor of Life project and wildlife census -River cruise and wildlife spotting	-Survey methodology for wildlife density and diversity -Use of GPS units to record wildlife sightings

Day 3	Activity	Learning Outcomes
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Early morning river cruise – -Jungle trek and picnic breakfast -Remove water hyacinth on return journey - Collection of water samples on return journey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue wildlife census work - Look for indirect evidence of wildlife presence. Apply learnings from RDC and Sepilok to natural setting Healing and restoring habitats
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Making paper (invasive water hyacinth paper shows how waste can be used to make saleable products for the community) -Water testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students given an opportunity to come up with income generating ideas using this paper to contribute towards conservation or communities. -Connections between water quality, invasive species, vegetation along banks of the river.
Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Group sharing of wildlife encounters -Planning for school session -Dinner with local family of the Orang Sungai community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Endemic and observed species, ecology and biodiversity -Social and cultural learning

Day 4	Activity	Learning Outcomes
Morning	Tree planting activities – seedling collection, work in nursery, mulching, planting, weeding and measurement/ data collection	- Students partner on the Corridor of Life Project
Afternoon	School session. Students spend time in the village primary school and teach English, play games, contribute books and toys.	- Students gain personal and social skills, learn to share and meet the challenge of teaching children from a different country.
Evening	Dinner with local family of the <i>Orang Sungai</i> community	- Social and cultural learning

Day 5	Activity	Learning Outcomes
Morning	- Consolidation activity – designed to bring together all the different strands – social, scientific, personal, ecological and species specific learnings	-Individual and group learnings are collated in a form that can be shared with their school when they return.
Afternoon	-Transfer to Sandakan Airport (or for add on activity)	

<p>Logistical Inclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet and Greet at Sandakan Airport - 4 breakfasts - 4 lunches - 3 dinners - 1 BBQ dinner - 3 nights shared accommodation - 1 night dormitory accommodation - Overland transfers indicated in programme - Boat transfers indicated in programme - Drop off at Sandakan Airport 	<p>Project Inclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wild At Heart (WOX) file & stationery - Factsheets and datasheets - All tools and equipment - Personal Impact activity: clearing invasive species and making paper; work around the village or in the village school - Making enrichment for sun bears - Habitat restoration: reforestation, seedling collection, maintaining nursery, clearing of invasive species - Contribution to conservation
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Please note the above itinerary is a guideline only and activities and the locations may be subject to change as a result of weather, wildlife, community or logistical considerations. Learning outcomes will be met.

Terms and conditions apply.

Logistical Considerations

The project site for WILD Orangutan Adventure is part of the Corridor of Life, situated within the Wildlife Sanctuary along the Kinabatangan River. The project base is in a little village about 2 hours from Sandakan, a township within the state of Sabah.

The state capital of Sabah is Kota Kinabalu. Sandakan is approximately 228 km east of Kota Kinabalu.

There are no international flights to Sandakan. We suggest you fly into one of Malaysia's many international airports and then take a connecting flight to Sandakan. There are, however, many international carriers that fly into Kota Kinabalu, from where you can opt to fly to Sandakan.

Some suggested airports with direct flights to Sandakan (SDK):

- Kuala Lumpur International Airport (Malaysia Airlines)
- Kuala Lumpur Low Cost Carrier Terminal (Air Asia)
- Kota Kinabalu International Airport (Malaysia Airlines)

There are other carriers that fly in and out of Kota Kinabalu or Kuala Lumpur. Please check with your travel agency to find the best route from your Country of origin. Our team will meet you on your arrival in Sabah and bring you to the project site.



Other Activities & Extension of Programme

Sabah offers a fantastic range of activities that can be easily added to the existing Biology Research Project programme. These activities are not operated by WOX but are conducted by reputable travel and adventure agencies. While we can recommend partners, we also suggest you ask your travel agent for advice on a good itinerary.

Among the more popular activities:

Destinations	Activities	Duration	Distance from Sandakan / Kota Kinabalu
Gomantong Caves	- See the nesting area of the swiftlets and how the bird's nest collectors risk their lives harvesting them	Half day	SDK: 1.5 hours
Selingan Island, Turtle Island Park	- Beach and island getaway: have fun in the sun on pristine beaches - Watch turtles and other marine life	1 day	SDK: 1 hour
Mount Kinabalu	- scale the highest mountain in Southeast Asia	2 days	KK: 2 hours
Kiulu River	- White water rafting, navigate raging rivers	1 day	KK: 1.5 hours
Tuanku Abdul Rahman Park	- Beach and island getaway: have fun in the sun on pristine beaches - Watch turtles and other marine life	1 day	KK: 0.5 hours



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