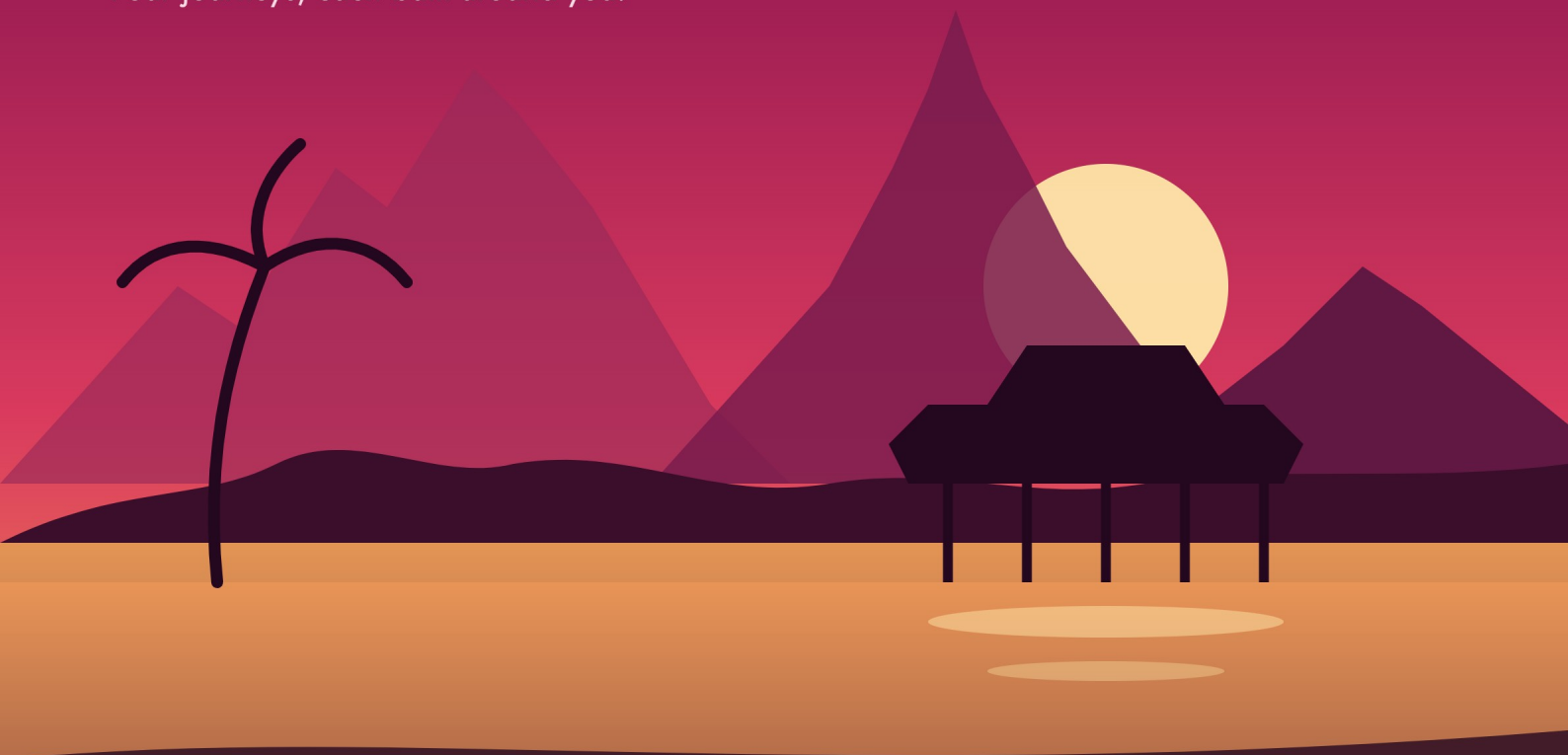
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BEYOND THE POSTCARD · 2027

Malaysia, *beyond the* postcard

Heritage streets, shadow plays, longhouses and rainforest.
Four journeys, each built around you.



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WELCOME

Malaysia, *two halves, one table*

Most visitors meet Malaysia as a skyline and a food court. Both are good. Neither is the whole story.

This is a country split by the South China Sea: a peninsula of royal towns, trading ports and tin-boom shophouses, and, across the water, the Borneo states of Sarawak and Sabah, with longhouses, limestone caves and one of the oldest rainforests on Earth.

Malay, Chinese, Indian and Indigenous communities live side by side, and their festivals overlap. Neighbours of every faith open their homes in an unhurried tradition of "open house".

Voyjing exists to take you there. Every itinerary is built around the traveller, not a template: your pace, your curiosity, your people. Then we add what a guidebook cannot, an introduction to a songket weaver, a shadow-puppet master or a longhouse family.

Sourav
Founder, Voyjing

THE VOYJING WAY

VOYJING

Three promises, *one journey*

1 — Customised, always
The four journeys here are starting points. Swap a state, stretch a day, add a ceremony. We rebuild each one around you.

2 — Culture you take part in
Weave, paint, cook, listen. We choose experiences where you meet the makers and keepers of a tradition, not only its monument.

3 — Off the main road
Kota Bharu, Bario, Batang Ai, Kinabatangan. Places that reward curiosity and stay quiet: fewer crowds, longer conversations.

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MALAYSIA AT A GLANCE

Four worlds, *one federation*

Peninsular Malaysia and the Borneo states are separated by about 600 km of sea. They keep different landscapes, languages, cuisines and even immigration desks. We follow four threads deeply rather than skim them all.

CAPITAL
Kuala Lumpur

POPULATION
About 34 million

STATES
13 plus 3 territories

LANGUAGES
Malay, English, Chinese, Tamil

TIME ZONE
One: UTC+8

CURRENCY
Ringgit (MYR)

PENINSULA · JOURNEY 1

Shophouses and highlands

George Town and Melaka, Ipoh's cave temples and the tea hills of Cameron Highlands.

EAST COAST · JOURNEY 2

Songket, shadows and rainforest

Kelantan's shadow puppets, Terengganu's weavers and the jungle of Taman Negara.

SARAWAK · JOURNEY 3

Longhouses and caves

Kuching's old town, Iban longhouse hospitality and the giant caves of Mulu.

SABAH · JOURNEY 4

Mountain and river

Mount Kinabalu's foothills, orangutans at Sepilok and wildlife on the Kinabatangan.

Johor, Langkawi, Tioman and the Sipadan dive sites lie beyond this brochure. Ask us, and we will design them.

WHERE WE GO

Four journeys, *two seas*



Schematic map, not to scale

1 · Shophouses and Highlands
10 days

2 · Songket and Rainforest
9 days

3 · Longhouses and Caves
10 days

4 · Mountain and River
9 days

Borneo journeys include short domestic flights.

WHERE TWO SEAS MEET

Ports, rajahs *and a new federation*

Malaysia's story runs on monsoon winds: traders, pilgrims and kings arriving by sea. These are the chapters behind the places on our routes.

OVER 40,000 YEARS AGO
Niah Caves
Sarawak's caves hold some of Southeast Asia's oldest human remains and ancient rock paintings.

OVER 1 MILLION YEARS AGO
Lenggong Valley
Perak's limestone valley preserves stone tools among the oldest in Southeast Asia, and the 11,000-year-old Perak Man.

1ST MILLENNIUM
Early trading kingdoms
Indian-influenced ports flourish in Kedah's Bujang Valley, where temple foundations still stand.

C. 1400
Melaka rises
A new port-sultanate grows into a hub of Asian trade, and Islam spreads along its routes.

1511–1824
Portuguese, Dutch, British
Melaka passes to the Portuguese, then the Dutch. The British take over in 1824, after founding Penang in 1786.

1841–1946
Rajahs and companies
The Brooke family rules Sarawak from 1841, and a chartered company governs North Borneo from 1881.

1957
Merdeka
Malaya becomes independent on 31 August 1957.

1963
Malaysia is formed
Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore join on 16 September. Singapore leaves in 1965.

TRACES YOU CAN TOUCH

Five World Heritage *sites on our routes*

Gunung Mulu National Park
UNESCO since 2000. Sarawak's limestone peaks and giant caves, home to millions of bats.

Kinabalu Park
UNESCO since 2000. Sabah's granite peak rises over a forest rich in orchids and pitcher plants.

Melaka and George Town
UNESCO since 2008. Historic straits cities of shophouses, temples, mosques and churches.

Lenggong Valley
UNESCO since 2012. An archaeological landscape in Perak, with sites up to nearly two million years old.

Niah Caves
UNESCO since 2024. A Sarawak cave complex with human remains and rock art over 40,000 years old.

History, told by those who live it
Colonial rule, occupation and independence shape many families' stories. Where a route touches this past, we bring local guides and leave time to listen.

LIVING CULTURE

Tradition you can *take part in*

Here, heritage is woven, painted, staged and shared at the table. These are the encounters we weave into our journeys.

KELANTAN · KOTA BHARU

Shadow play and Mak Yong

Meet a *tok dalang* puppeteer, and see the dance-drama Mak Yong where it grew up.

TERENGGANU

Songket, woven with gold

Watch weavers raise gold-thread patterns on wooden looms, then try the shuttle yourself.

PENANG · MELAKA

Peranakan homes

Baba-Nyonya families blend Chinese and Malay traditions in beadwork, cloth and cooking.

PENANG

Batik and street art

Paint a wax-resist batik, then walk lanes where murals and shrines share the wall.

SARAWAK · LONGHOUSES

Iban hospitality

A longhouse is a village under one roof. Share a meal, and see *pua kumbu* cloth woven.

SABAH · KADAZAN-DUSUN

Harvest traditions

Meet communities who honour the rice spirit each Kaamatan. Visits are by invitation.

ON UNESCO'S INTANGIBLE HERITAGE LISTS

Mak Yong theatre
Dance-drama of the north, 2008

Songket
Gold-thread weaving, 2021

Pantun
Poetic quatrains, 2020 (with Indonesia)

Silat
Martial art and dance, 2019

AT THE TABLE

Four regions, *four kitchens*

Peninsula

Nasi lemak, Penang's *assam laksa*, Ipoh's white coffee and Melaka's Nyonya kitchen.

East coast

Nasi kerabu tinted blue with flower petals, *keropok lekor* fish sticks and *laksam*.

Sarawak

Kuching's *kolo mee*, *manok pansoh* chicken cooked in bamboo, and Sarawak laksa.

Sabah

Hinava raw fish with lime, *ambuyat* starch, and Tenom's mountain coffee.

Travelling well

Small gestures that open doors.

Right hand	Give, receive and eat with the right hand. Point with your thumb, not a finger.
Shoes	Off at homes, longhouses, mosques and temples. Follow your host.
Dress	Cover shoulders and knees in places of worship. Scarves are lent at some mosques.
Longhouses	Ask your guide before entering, and bring a small gift for the village.
Food	Many eateries are halal, so pork is limited. Chinese and Indian kitchens widen the choice.
Ramadan	Be discreet when eating in public in Muslim areas. We plan around the fast.

Add a hands-on encounter to any journey: a batik class, a cooking lunch, a songket weaving visit or a shadow-puppet evening. Just ask.

FESTIVAL CALENDAR 2027

Time your trip *to the calendar*

Malaysia keeps several calendars at once: Islamic, lunar, Hindu and Gregorian. **Set** means the date is fixed. **Tbc** means it depends on a moon sighting or an announcement, so we confirm it closer to the time.

22 Jan — SET
Thaipusam
Devotees climb the 272 steps of Batu Caves, and many carry kavadi. A regional holiday.

6–7 Feb — SET
Chinese New Year
Lion dances, lantern-lit streets and reunion dinners, especially in Penang and Kuching.

About 10–11 Mar — TBC
Hari Raya Aidilfitri
The end of Ramadan, with open houses and a wave of travel home. The date follows the moon.

17 May — TBC
Hari Raya Haji
The Feast of Sacrifice, shared among neighbours and kin.

20 May — SET
Wesak Day
Buddhists gather at temples for lantern processions and offerings.

30–31 May — SET
Pesta Kaamatan, Sabah
The Kadazan-Dusun harvest festival, with rice wine, gongs and a pageant of the rice spirit.

1–2 Jun — SET
Gawai Dayak, Sarawak
The Dayak harvest festival, with longhouse feasts, dances and rice wine.

About 6 Jun — TBC
Awal Muharram
The Islamic new year, a quiet public holiday.

THE SECOND HALF

Harvests, music *and lanterns*

June, Tbc — TBC
Rainforest World Music Festival
Held near Kuching. The 2026 edition ran 26–28 June, so confirm 2027 dates before booking.

About 15 Aug — TBC
Maulidur Rasul
Processions mark the Prophet's birthday, strongest in the capital and the east coast.

August, Tbc — TBC
George Town Festival
A month of arts, music and theatre in Penang's heritage streets.

31 Aug — SET
Merdeka Day
Independence parades and flags on the national day.

16 Sep — SET
Malaysia Day
Marks the 1963 formation of Malaysia, with special celebrations in Sabah and Sarawak.

29 Oct — SET
Deepavali
Oil lamps, rangoli and sweets, observed in most states except Sarawak.

Open house, a Malaysian habit

At Raya, Chinese New Year, Deepavali, Christmas, Gawai and Kaamatan, families welcome neighbours of every faith. With notice, we can arrange for you to be a guest. Around the big holidays, domestic travel peaks and prices rise.

SEASONS AND WEATHER

Always warm, *differently wet*

Malaysia sits near the equator, so it is warm all year. What changes is the rain, and it differs by coast: the east coast and Borneo are wettest from about November to February.

Best · Good · Mixed · Wet

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
West Peninsula — George Town, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, Melaka	B	B	G	M	M	B	B	B	G	M	W	G
East coast — Kota Bharu, Terengganu, Taman Negara	W	W	G	B	B	B	B	B	B	G	W	W
Sarawak — Kuching, Mulu, Niah	W	W	M	G	G	B	B	B	G	M	W	W
Sabah — Kinabalu, Sepilok, Kinabatangan	M	M	G	B	B	B	B	B	B	G	M	W

The lowlands
Typically 24–33°C with high humidity. Rain usually comes as short afternoon downpours.

The highlands
Cameron Highlands and Kundasang are cool, so bring a light jacket for evenings.

Approximate guide. Rain patterns shift from year to year.

WHEN TO GO

Best months, *journey by journey*

1 · Shophouses and Highlands
Jan–Feb, Jun–Aug
Cooler, drier months for walking old streets and tea hills. Expect some showers in April–May and October–November.

2 · Songket and Rainforest
Mar–Sep
Calm seas and open trails. Most east-coast lodges and islands close or slow down in the monsoon.

3 · Longhouses and Caves
Apr–Sep
Drier weather for caves and river trips. Gawai (1–2 June) is a highlight.

4 · Mountain and River
Apr–Sep
Clearer views of Kinabalu and good wildlife viewing. Kaamatan falls on 30–31 May.

The wet season is not a write-off

From November to February the rainforest turns lush and visitors thin out. Rain usually falls in short, heavy bursts. The Peninsula's west coast stays travellable, so we shape those months around cities, food and indoor culture.

A note on haze

In some years, regional fires bring hazy skies around August–October. We watch conditions and keep alternatives ready.

Pack: light breathable layers, a rain jacket, a scarf or shawl for places of worship, sturdy shoes for jungle walks and a light fleece for the highlands.

BEYOND THE POSTCARD

Eight places *worth the longer road*

The names on every Malaysia brochure are the towers, the islands and the street-food stalls. These are the places we reach by boat, small plane or a long, winding road.

PERAK · YEAR-ROUND

Ipoh cave temples

Limestone caves turned into Buddhist shrines, set beside a graceful old town of coffee houses.

PERAK · MAR–SEP

Kuala Kangsar

The royal town of Perak, with an ornate mosque and the home of the sultan.

PERAK · MAR–SEP

Royal Belum

A rainforest reserve reached by boat, where hornbills nest and giant flowers bloom.

TERENGGANU · MAR–SEP

Pulau Kapas

A small, calm island of white sand and reef, quieter than its famous neighbours.

SARAWAK · JUN–SEP

Bario Highlands

A cool Kelabit plateau reached by small plane, famed for its fragrant rice.

SARAWAK · APR–SEP

Batang Ai longhouses

Iban longhouses along a forested lake, reached by longboat.

SABAH · APR–SEP

Maliau Basin

The "Lost World of Sabah", a remote forest basin of waterfalls and rare wildlife.

SABAH · APR–SEP

Kota Belud Tamu

A Sunday open-air market where Bajau, Dusun and other communities trade.

Also worth the detour: Langkawi's geopark · Tioman · Danum Valley · Sipadan diving (permits are limited) · Cameron Highlands' mossy forest · Gua Musang's caves.

HERITAGE LISTS

Why Malaysia *is a rare find*

5 World Heritage sites

Mulu, Kinabalu, Melaka and George Town, Lenggong Valley and Niah Caves. All five sit on our routes.

Living traditions on UNESCO lists

Mak Yong, silat, pantun, songket and the kebaya are recognised as intangible heritage. We build in ways to meet the people who keep them alive.

One of the oldest rainforests on Earth

Taman Negara and Borneo's forests are often described as among the world's oldest. We walk them with local guides.

Many faiths, many festivals

Mosques, Hindu temples, Chinese clan houses and churches share the same streets, so there is almost always something to celebrate.

Travel lightly, leave well

We favour community-run homestays and licensed local guides, and we keep groups small, so the money stays close to the places you visit.

JOURNEY 1 · PENINSULA

Shophouses and *Highlands*

10 DAYS · 9 NIGHTS

BEST JAN–FEB, JUN–AUG



Walk the lanes of George Town, descend into cave temples and sip tea in the cool hills.

George Town on foot
Clan houses, street art and hawker stalls with a local guide.

Peranakan homes
Meet a Baba-Nyonya family and cook a signature dish.

Ipoh and the caves
A white-coffee town and cave temples in limestone cliffs.

Cameron Highlands
Tea terraces, a mossy forest walk and cool evenings.

Designed in: January–February or June–August. Time it for Chinese New Year (6–7 February) in Penang.

Make it yours
Add Kuala Kangsar, a batik class, the Lenggong Valley sites or a Melaka river cruise. Tell us what you love, and we rebuild.

ITINERARY

Ten days, *day by day*

1. **Arrive in Penang**
   Meet your guide. Evening walk through the old shophouse lanes.
2. **George Town heritage**
   Clan houses, the Peranakan mansion, street art and a hawker dinner.
3. **Hands-on Penang**
   A cooking class, a batik workshop and time to wander.
4. **To Ipoh**
   Drive south; Perak Tong cave temple and Ipoh's old town.
5. **Lenggong or Kuala Kangsar**
   Visit the Lenggong Valley sites or Perak's royal town.
6. **Up to the highlands**
   Wind up to Cameron Highlands; tea-estate visit at sunset.
7. **Mossy forest and tea**
   A guided forest walk, strawberry farms and a slow afternoon.
8. **Down to Kuala Lumpur**
   Drive south; Batu Caves and an evening food walk.
9. **Melaka**
   Drive to Melaka: the Stadthuys, the river and Jonker Street.
10. **Depart**
    Transfer to Kuala Lumpur airport, about 2 hours.

Where you sleep: Penang 3 · Ipoh 2 · Cameron Highlands 2 · Kuala Lumpur 1 · Melaka 1. Heritage hotels and a tea-estate lodge.

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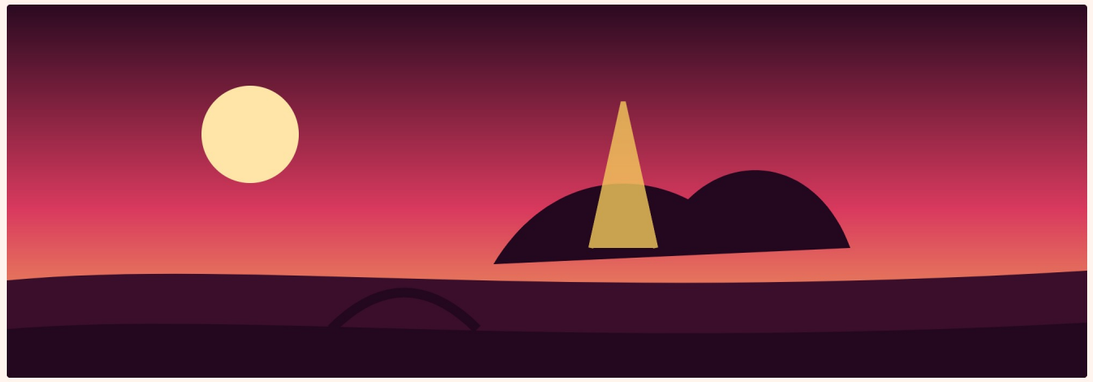
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JOURNEY 2 · EAST COAST

Songket, shadows *and rainforest*

9 DAYS · 8 NIGHTS BEST MAR–SEP



Meet weavers and puppeteers on the quiet coast, then walk into one of the world's oldest rainforests.

Wayang kulit evening
Meet a puppet master and watch a shadow play.

Songket weaving
Watch gold-thread cloth grow on a loom in Terengganu.

Kota Bharu markets
A day-market of produce, kites and sweets.

Taman Negara
A canopy walkway, river rides and night walks with rangers.

Designed in: March to September, when the east coast is calm and the park trails are open.

Make it yours
Add Pulau Kapas, a boat-building village visit or a Mak Yong performance (when available). Tell us what you love, and we rebuild.

ITINERARY

Nine days, *day by day*

1. **Arrive in Kota Bharu**
   Meet your guide. Evening stroll through the old town.
2. **Markets and crafts**
   Central market, batik painting and a silver workshop.
3. **Shadow and stage**
   Meet a puppet master; a shadow play or Mak Yong if one is staged.
4. **To Terengganu**
   Drive south along the coast, with village stops, to Kuala Terengganu.
5. **Songket and the old quarter**
   A songket loom visit, Chinatown and the Crystal Mosque at dusk.
6. **Island morning**
   Boat to Pulau Kapas for a swim; return in the afternoon.
7. **Inland to Taman Negara**
   Travel west to Kuala Tahan; evening walk by the river.
8. **Rainforest day**
   Canopy walkway, a river ride and an Orang Asli community visit.
9. **Depart**
   Return to Kuala Lumpur by road, about 4–5 hours.

Where you sleep: Kota Bharu 3 · Kuala Terengganu 3 · Taman Negara 2. Heritage guesthouses and a riverside lodge.

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JOURNEY 3 · SARAWAK

Longhouses *and caves*

10 DAYS · 9 NIGHTS

BEST JUN–AUG



Share a meal under a longhouse roof, watch orangutans and walk into caves the size of cathedrals.

Kuching old town
A riverside waterfront of shophouses, temples and markets.

A longhouse night
Dinner and songs with an Iban family.

Mulu's caves
Walk into giant caverns, then watch bats stream out at dusk.

Niah Caves
A boardwalk through ancient caves and painted chambers.

Designed in: June to August. Gawai Dayak (1–2 June) is a highlight if you can join an invitation.

Make it yours
Add Bario, Batang Ai or a Mulu pinnacles trek. Tell us what you love, and we rebuild.

ITINERARY

Ten days, *day by day*

1. **Arrive in Kuching**
   Meet your guide. Evening walk along the waterfront.
2. **Old town and markets**
   Chinese temple, Sarawak Museum and a market lunch.
3. **Orangutans and Bako**
   Semenggoh orangutan centre; afternoon in Bako's forest and shore.
4. **Longhouse night**
   Drive upriver to an Iban longhouse for a night of music and rice wine.
5. **Back through villages**
   Craft stops, then return to Kuching.
6. **Fly to Mulu**
   Flight via Miri; an evening walk to the Deer Cave.
7. **Mulu caves**
   Caves of wind and clear water; the bat exodus at dusk.
8. **Mulu rainforest**
   A guided canopy walk or river visit, then fly to Miri.
9. **Niah Caves**
   Day trip to Niah National Park for the Great Cave boardwalk.
10. **Depart**
    Transfer to Miri airport for onward flights.

Where you sleep: Kuching 4 · longhouse 1 · Mulu 2 · Miri 2. Heritage hotels, a longhouse and a park lodge.

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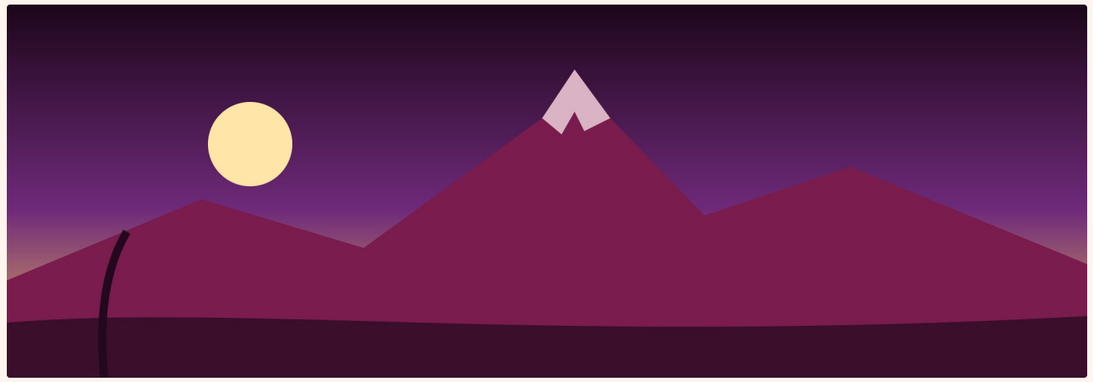
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JOURNEY 4 · SABAH

Mountain *and river*

9 DAYS · 8 NIGHTS BEST APR–SEP



Wake to Kinabalu's granite crown, see orangutans and drift past wild monkeys on a jungle river.

Kinabalu Park
Forest walks under Southeast Asia's great granite peak.

Orangutans
Meet rescued orangutans at Sepilok, then walk a canopy path.

Kinabatangan River
Dawn and dusk river cruises for wildlife.

Kadazan-Dusun culture
Visit a village for food, stories and music.

Designed in: April to September. Kaamatan (30–31 May) is a highlight if you can time it.

Make it yours
Add a Kinabalu summit climb (permits sell out early), Maliau Basin or a diving trip. Tell us what you love, and we rebuild.

ITINERARY

Nine days, *day by day*

1. **Arrive in Kota Kinabalu**
   Meet your guide. Seafront evening and a night market.
2. **City and coast**
   Waterfront markets and a sunset trip to a nearby island.
3. **To Kinabalu Park**
   Drive to the foothills of Kinabalu; a forest walk and orchid garden.
4. **Poring and the canopy**
   Poring hot springs and a canopy walkway.
5. **Culture day**
   A Kadazan-Dusun village: food, stories and handicraft.
6. **Sepilok**
   Fly to Sandakan; Sepilok orangutan centre and the Rainforest Discovery Centre.
7. **Kinabatangan**
   Travel to the river; first evening cruise.
8. **River wildlife**
   Dawn cruise and a jungle walk with a naturalist.
9. **Depart**
   Fly Sandakan–Kota Kinabalu for onward flights.

Where you sleep: Kota Kinabalu 2 · Kinabalu foothills 3 · Sepilok 1 · Kinabatangan 2. Mountain lodge and riverside camp.

JOURNEY PRICE

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PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

Four steps, *one conversation*

1
Tell us
Share your dates, pace, interests and who is travelling.

2
We design
Within days you receive a tailored route to react to.

3
Refine
Swap, add or remove until it feels like yours.

4
Travel
A local guide and one point of contact, start to finish.

Travel essentials

Entry	Many nationalities can visit visa-free for short stays, while others need a visa or eVISA. Rules differ by nationality, so check yours.
MDAC	Most visitors must submit the free Malaysia Digital Arrival Card within 72 hours before arrival, at imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main.
Borneo	Sabah and Sarawak run their own immigration checks, even on flights from the Peninsula.
Passport	Valid for at least six months from arrival.
Money	Ringgit (MYR). Cards work in towns; carry cash for markets and villages.
Power	240 V, with UK-style three-pin plugs.
Insurance	Take cover for trekking, boat trips and medical evacuation.

Entry rules, fees and festival dates change. Please confirm them before booking. Itineraries are suggestions and are built around you.

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