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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR RAINFOREST WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL (RWMF) 2019



It's the time of the year again! The famous Rainforest World Music Festival is coming! Amazing music plus a country fair atmosphere in the midst of lush greenery! Don't miss this amazing event from 12th July to 14th July 2019!

The Rainforest World Music Festival is a unique festival that brings together musicians from all over the world and indigenous musicians from the interiors of the mythical island of Borneo. Its formula of afternoon informative workshops, followed by evening performances on the main stage has proven to be a hit with the audience, who come from near and far.

The festival site also sets up a variety of food and drink stalls, an arts and crafts area as well as a counter for festival memorabilia, Sarawak souvenirs and CDs by the performing artists, all this contributing to a fun filled, wholesome festival experience.

As a lead-up to the Rainforest World Music Festival, Kuching will also experience the Rainforest Fringe Festival. Taking place from the 5th of July until the 12th of July 2019, it will bring the very best of Sarawak's music, art, craft, film, photography, food, and culture. Don't miss out on the exciting events!

Come and experience the very best of Sarawak!!!



July 06th, 2019 – Arrival in Kuching – (-/-/-)

Meet & greet upon arrival at Kuching International Airport and transfer to your choice of accommodation in Kuching city centre.

The rest of the day is free at your leisure to enjoy the events of the Rainforest Fringe Festival or simply relax.

July 07th, 2019 – Kuching city tour on foot – (-/-/-)



The best way to explore the city centre of Kuching – with its historical buildings, traditional temples and small hidden alleys – is on foot and accompanied by a guide. Walk along the bustling Main Bazaar, Chinatown with its red lanterns, the colourful India Street, as well as the aromatic spice market.

A ride on a 'sampan', a traditional river taxi, will bring you across the river to stroll through a Malay village with traditional houses on stilts. You will get to see mosques, churches and temples. It is thanks to your guide's explanations, that you will slowly realise how multi-faceted Sarawak is, with all its various races, cultures and religions living together peacefully.



Kuching's Waterfront, an esplanade with little patches of gardens and cafes along the Sarawak river, boasts perfect motifs for photographers. And so do the stunning historical buildings from bygone eras, like the Fort Margherita, the old Court House, the Post Office or the famous Sarawak Museum. Listen to your guide relating the unique history of Sarawak, which sounds like right out of a fairy tale book with stories of rich sultanates and oppressive rulers, headhunters and pirates, European adventurers and the "White Rajahs".

Your guide will also bring you to visit the 'Urang Sarawak' Gallery, located in the Sarawak Museum's complex, which showcases the culture, traditions and spiritual beliefs of Sarawak's diverse ethnic groups and gives an insight into the historic developments of Sarawak.

After this half-day tour the rest of the day will be free at leisure. Check out the program of the Rainforest Fringe Festival!

July 08th, 2019 – Bako National Park – (-/L/-)



You will be picked up from your hotel around 08:00 am and transferred to the jetty at Bako village for your boat ride to Bako National Park.

Located on a peninsula stretching out into the South China Sea and with no road access, Bako National Park is the oldest national park in Sarawak, boasting a real treasure trove of flora and fauna. It is a famous place to observe the odd-nosed proboscis monkey, which can only be found in certain areas of the island of Borneo. Other wildlife frequently spotted here includes macaque monkeys, langurs, bearded pigs, flying lemurs, snakes and a myriad of birds, frogs and lizards.

Although the national park only covers an area of 27 square kilometres, it comprises several different types of forest with various types of vegetation. From majestic rain forest trees with extensive canopies, to tough mangrove plants, to orchids and carnivorous plants, here you can find it all within a relatively small area.

Several different trails with various levels of difficulty are available. Your guide will choose the trails best suited to your level of fitness and your interest.

A lunch will be provided by the park's canteen.

In the afternoon return to Kuching. Tour ends with transfer to your hotel (expected arrival around 04:00 pm).



July 09th, 2019 – Semenggoh Nature Reserve & Sadir village – (-/L/D)



Depart Kuching around 08:00 am to the orang utan center of Semenggoh Nature Reserve.

Borneo is one out of two places in the world where orang utans exist in the wild. At Semenggoh Nature Reserve you get the rare chance to see some semi-wild orang utans that had been rescued as orphans or confiscated from illegal pet trade and underwent rehabilitation training in order to have a chance at life in the jungle again. Observe the impressive big apes at feeding time as they come, swinging high up in the trees, towards the feeding platform to grab a meal of fruits. However, please note that the animals roam free in the nature reserve and are not in cages and therefore sightings cannot be guaranteed.

After this fascinating experience, you will hit the road again and continue up into the mountains of Padawan to reach a village called Sadir. The villagers belong to the Bidayuh tribe, formerly also referred to as Land-Dayaks.

Upon arrival, lunch will be prepared by your host family and you can get to know each other while having your meal. You will then visit the charming Bidayuh village of Simuti with its stunning bamboo constructions at the top of the mountain. The clouds cover the nearby hills so it gives you the impression of being on a isolated island. Be awed by the local craft, in particular the traditional baskets used by the villagers in their everyday duties.

You will also walk to a nearby waterfall in the surrounding jungle. Rejuvenate by taking a dip in the cool water and enjoy the lush vegetation around you.

Return to Sadir to dine with your host family (and surely some curious neighbours will arrive to meet you).

Weather permitting, you can enjoy a night walk in search of frogs, birds and fireflies.

Overnight at your host's homestay (note: simple beds and basic shared bathroom with cold water only).



July 10th, 2019 – Sadir village – (B/L/D)



Watch the mist rising from the jungle-clad hills in the morning and the village slowly awakes from its sleep.

After breakfast, follow your host family on a hike of about 2 hours to their farm land consisting of fields of hill rice and various fruit orchards. Observe the daily activities of the farmers of this region and try your own skills hands-on. Depending on the season you will participate in activities such as planting, weeding, harvesting, and many more.

Once hunger strikes, your host will pluck some ripe fruits and harvest some local vegetables to prepare a meal at their little farm hut. Witness the traditional bamboo cooking, whereby the ingredients will be steamed in bamboo tubes over a campfire. Enjoy your truly organic lunch!

Return to the village in the afternoon and have a little rest until dinner.

Overnight at your host's homestay.

July 11th, 2019 – Kayaking Adventure – (B/L/-)

After breakfast you will have to say goodbye to your host and leave to Kampong Bengoh, the starting point for your kayaking adventure.

Pay attention to the safety briefing, before you start paddling leisurely along the Sarawak Kiri river. Enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of the limestone formations and the towering trees along the riverbank.

About half-way through the journey you will stop at a Kampong Danu, a village inhabited by native Bidayuh people. A lunch will be served, after which, you may take a stroll around the village to see herb and vegetable gardens as well as tropical fruit trees.



Then get back onto your kayak and continue your journey, accompanied by the sights and sounds of the rain forest. On a hot day you may take another break at a sandy riverbank, where you can plunge into the river to cool off from the midday heat.

The ending point of your kayaking activity is at the village of Semadang, where your transport will be waiting for you to take you back to town in the afternoon.

Tour ends with transfer to your hotel (expected arrival around 04:00 pm).

July 12th, 2019 – Rainforest World Music Festival – (-/-/-)



Today is the start of the Rainforest World Music Festival! This package includes the ticket for today's entrance to the festival, as well as a return shuttle, which operates at regular intervals between Kuching city centre and the festival venue.

Have a great time, listening and dancing along to the rhythmical music, surrounded by amazing rain forest!

July 13th, 2019 – Rainforest World Music Festival OR Departure from Kuching – (-/-/-)

You have the choice whether you just want to attend one day of the Rainforest World Music Festival, in which case today would be your transfer to Kuching International Airport for the flight to your next destination.

Or if you want to attend the full 3 days of the Rainforest World Music Festival, then the ticket for today's entrance to the festival, as well as a return shuttle is included in the package.

**July 14th, 2019 – Rainforest World Music Festival – (-/-/-)**

It's the last day of the Rainforest World Music Festival! Enjoy the spectacular closing ceremony! Entrance ticket for the festival, as well as a return shuttle is included.

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July 15th, 2019 – Departure from Kuching – (-/-/-)

Transfer to Kuching International Airport for the flight to your next destination or back to your home country.

PRICES

| Rainforest World Music Festival (RWMF) 2019 Special Package | | | |
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| Package price on Seat-in-coach basis (SIC) with a minimum of 2 person | | 06th – 13th July 2019 including RWMF ticket & return shuttle for 1 day | 06th – 15th July 2019 including RWMF ticket & return shuttle for 3 days |
| Tour package only excluding accommodation in Kuching | | MYR 1510 per person | MYR 1950 per person |
| Standard package including accommodation at Telang Usan Hotel (Deluxe room) with daily breakfast | based on twin/double room occupancy | MYR 1835 per person | MYR 2405 per person |
| | based on single room occupancy | MYR 2160 per person | MYR 2860 per person |
| Superior package including accommodation at The LimeTree Hotel (Deluxe room) with daily breakfast | based on twin/double room occupancy | MYR 2030 per person | MYR 2705 per person |
| | based on single room occupancy | MYR 2550 per person | MYR 3460 per person |
| Deluxe package including accommodation at Batik Boutique Hotel (Run of House) with daily breakfast | based on twin/double room occupancy | MYR 2270 per person | MYR 3050 per person |
| | based on single room occupancy | MYR 3030 per person | MYR 4150 per person |

Note: Our rates are in Malaysian Ringgit (MYR or RM) and per person.

Rate includes:

- Tours & activities on joint tour basis with English speaking guide
- All transportations as per itinerary (land & water) in shared vehicles
- Meals as mentioned in the programme (B: breakfast / L: lunch / D: dinner)
- Accommodation:
 - ✓ 2 nights in a homestay traditional Bidayuh village (simple accommodation with shared sanitary facilities)
 - ✓ Standard package: 5 nights/7 nights accommodation incl. breakfast at Telang Usan Hotel in Kuching (Deluxe Room)
 - ✓ Superior package: 5 nights/7 nights accommodation incl. breakfast at LimeTree Hotel in Kuching (Deluxe Room)
 - ✓ Deluxe package: 5 nights/7 nights accommodation incl. breakfast at Batik Boutique Hotel in Kuching (ROH)
- All entrance fees related to described tours
- 1-day ticket/3-days-ticket for Rainforest World Music Festival + 1 return shuttle ex/to Kuching city centre per person per day
- Sales & service tax (6%) where applicable

Rate excludes:

- International and/or domestic flights
- Meals or activities other than mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with meals
- Travel Insurance
- Tips & personal expenditure
- Paypal or other payment processing fees
- Tourism tax of MYR 10 per room per night (to be paid directly to the registered accommodation provider on spot)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- **Mode of Payment:**

The easiest and most secure modes of payment available to settle the invoice for your confirmed booking are payment through PayPal or payment by credit card.

Online transfer through PayPal:

If you choose to make payment through PayPal, we will send you the link accordingly together with the invoice. If you do have your own PayPal account, payment will be very easy and quick following the link. If you don't have a PayPal account, you would not have to subscribe to any PayPal account for this transaction. Following the link will also give you the choice to make credit card payment through PayPal, which works just like any other online purchase.

PayPal charges: 4.5% of the invoice total

Credit card payment:

Borneo à la Carte accepts Visa and Mastercard. If you wish to pay by credit card, we will send you a credit card authorisation form for you to fill in and sign. This form will permit us to debit your credit card for the indicated transaction.

Processing fees: 2.5% of the invoice total

NOTE: We do accept split payments, but the full invoice total has to be settled at least 15 days before the tour begins.

- **Change of dates and/or programme**

For any changes of dates and/or tour programme after confirmation and payment of the tour arrangements, Borneo à la Carte charges a service fee of:

MYR 65 per adult and per modified day

MYR 40 per kid (from 10 to 17 years old) and per modified day

MYR 25 per child (below 10) and per modified day

Should the cost for the modified tour itinerary be higher than the initial invoice/payment, the client will have to cover the balance as well as any extra transaction costs. However, should the cost for the modified tour itinerary be lower than the initial invoice/payment, Borneo à la Carte reserves the right not to refund the balance.

- **Tour cancellation by the client:**

For any cancellation of tour programme made by the client after confirmation of the tour arrangements, following cancellation charges apply:

16 days or more before arrival date > same charges as for changes of dates and/or tour programme (see above)

15 – 12 days before arrival date > 25% of the invoice total

11 – 8 days before arrival date > 50% of the invoice total

7 days or less before arrival date > 100% of the invoice total

The client bears the full cost of any transaction charges incurred.

- **Tour cancellation by Borneo à la Carte:**

Borneo à la Carte shall not be held accountable for any loss or tour cancellation incurred due to flight delay/cancellation, outbreak of epidemic disease, strikes, thefts, war and acts of God.

The company reserves the right to alter routes, itineraries, timings and accommodations reserved as and when deemed necessary. Any tours or tour components may be postponed or replaced by similar tours without refund.

- **Insurance:**

We highly recommend all clients and travellers to purchase a travel insurance.

BORNÉO À LA CARTE

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