

EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS



Experiential journeys for the exploring traveller

BORNEO ADVENTURE

AUG 15 - 22

**KOTA KINABALU - KUNDASANG
KINABATANGAN - SANDAKAN**

OVERVIEW

Travel to the wild heart of Borneo and leave the rush of urban life behind. Journey through the beautiful landscapes of Sabah, from the vibrant city of Kota Kinabalu to the cool highlands of Kundasang beneath majestic Mount Kinabalu. Explore the lush trails and rich biodiversity of Kinabalu National Park, famous for its rainforest scenery and unique wildlife.

Continue to Sandakan, gateway to Borneo's incredible wildlife experiences. Cruise along scenic rivers, walk through dense jungles, and visit local villages while enjoying authentic Sabahan cuisine and warm hospitality. Encounter iconic wildlife including Orangutans, Proboscis Monkeys, and rare Borneo Pygmy Elephants. From misty mountains to ancient rainforests and vibrant culture, this unforgettable journey through Sabah will leave you with lifelong memories.



ESSENTIAL INFO

Cost: Rs 72500/- per person

Country: Malaysia

Start: Kota Kinabalu

End: Sandakan

Start Date: 15th Aug' 2026

End Date: 22th Aug' 2026

Duration: 8 Days

Group Size : Min 5 / Max 15

Theme: Culture, Adventure



HIGHLIGHTS



Snorkelling in Manukan & Sapi Islands off Kota Kinabalu



Stay in Kundasang hill village near Kinabalu National Park



Explore the markets and harbour of Sandakan and Kota Kinabalu



See Rafflesia Flowers - the largest flowers in the world



Visit Sipilok Orangutan and Sun Bear Rehabilitation Centre



Kinabatangan Boat Safari - One of the top wildlife experiences in Asia



Day 1 : August 15

**KOTA KINABALU ARRIVAL -
TOWN WALK**

Arrive in Kota Kinabalu and transfer to the hotel.

Check in time is 2 p.m.

Rest and later explore the town walking through the streets and taking a food tour. Kota Kinabalu is a melting pot of cuisines and it's no surprise since there are a lot of nationalities and cultures mixing. We can visit the Night Markets (Pasar Malam), which are famed for their Malaysian and Chinese eats, and the Sunday market at Gaya Street (Old Town).

Overnight in Kota Kinabalu



Day 2 : August 16

MANUKAN & SAPI ISLAND

After breakfast, a short 20-minute boat ride from Kota Kinabalu brings you to Manukan Island. **Manukan Island and Sapi Island** are located in the famous **Tunku Abdul Rahman Park in Sabah**, and are great for exploring the islands and beaches and snorkelling. An array of coral and brightly colored marine life reveals itself. Soak up the turquoise vistas for another few hours as you stroll or swim.

After lunch, relax on the beach, and later, by late afternoon, we return to Kota Kinabalu. Evening is free to relax or you can explore the **Puh Toh Tze Buddhist temple, the Sabah Mosque, or the Filipino market**. You can also opt to go on a sunset cruise in the South China Sea.

Overnight in Kota Kinabalu.



Day 3 : August 17

**KINABALU NATIONAL PARK -
KUNDASANG (120 KMS / 4 HRS)**

After breakfast, we visit the **Tanjung Aru beach** and spend some time there before leaving for **Kundasang** in the central highlands and near the **Kinabalu National Park**.

On the way, we stop at **Poring Hot Springs**, soak in the hot springs, and explore some of the nature trails around it.

Afternoon, we reach Kinabalu National Park, and after lunch, we visit and explore a couple of nature trails inside the park for a light trek. Evening to the hill village of Kundasang for our stay. Evening is free to relax or explore the small mountain town.

Overnight at Kundasang.



Day 4 : August 18

**KUNDASANG - KINABATANGAN
(250 KMS / 5 HRS)**

After breakfast, visit the Ladang **Tensu Desa Cattle and Sosodikon Hills viewpoint for Panoramic views of the Kundasang Valley and Mount Kinabalu.** Later, we head to the rainforest area of Kinabatangan. Your jungle cottage near the river is ideal for taking in the lush surroundings.

At 560 kilometres, the **Kinabatangan River** is the second-longest river in Malaysia. It's also a protected forest reserve, containing some of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Borneo.

Later in the afternoon, you have the option to take a river cruise, spotting some of the more exotic local creatures. **Borneo pygmy elephants (the smallest species of elephants in the world), crocodiles, macaques, wild orangutans, proboscis monkeys, hornbills, kingfishers, and bird life** are seen.

Overnight at Kinabatangan cottage.



Day 5 : August 19

KINABATANGAN RAINFOREST (SUKAU)

Today is full of jungle and activities. Rise early for the **morning cruise along the river to spot more wildlife**. Later, back for breakfast.

After breakfast, you can choose to go for a **2-hour jungle walk**.

After lunch, relax, and in the evening you can go for another river safari if interested, or walk and explore the riverside and villages.

Overnight at Kinabatangan.

(1 River safari included). If you are interested, you have the option of taking more river safaris and jungle walk.



Day 6 : August 20

**SUKAU - SANDAKAN
(120 KMS / 3 HRS)**

After breakfast, we leave for Sandakan, stopping on the way at the **Gomantong Cave to see the nests of the swift bird**. Its nest is made of solidified saliva and is used to make bird's nest soup, which is sought after and prized in many parts of Asia.

Reach Sandakan by afternoon.

After lunch, rest and in the evening go for a **Sandakan Heritage walk**. On the walk, we stop at William B. Pryer Monument, WWII Memorial, Sandakan Memorial Park, Sandakan Heritage Museum, Central Market, Puh Jih Syh Buddhist Temple, and Agnes Keith's House, and finally have tea at an old English Tea House.

Overnight at Sandakan.



Day 7 : August 21

SANDAKAN (FREE DAY)

Day free to explore Sandakan and its surroundings.

You can visit the Sepliok Orangutan Sanctuary. The center was set up to help reintroduce these wonderful creatures back into the wild after a life of domestication or having been orphaned.

To see more of Borneo's creatures, there's the option to visit the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center. You can also visit the **Sun Bear Sanctuary** nearby and also visit the **Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary**, where you can watch the amazing bachelor proboscis lazing and feeding.

Overnight at Sandakan.

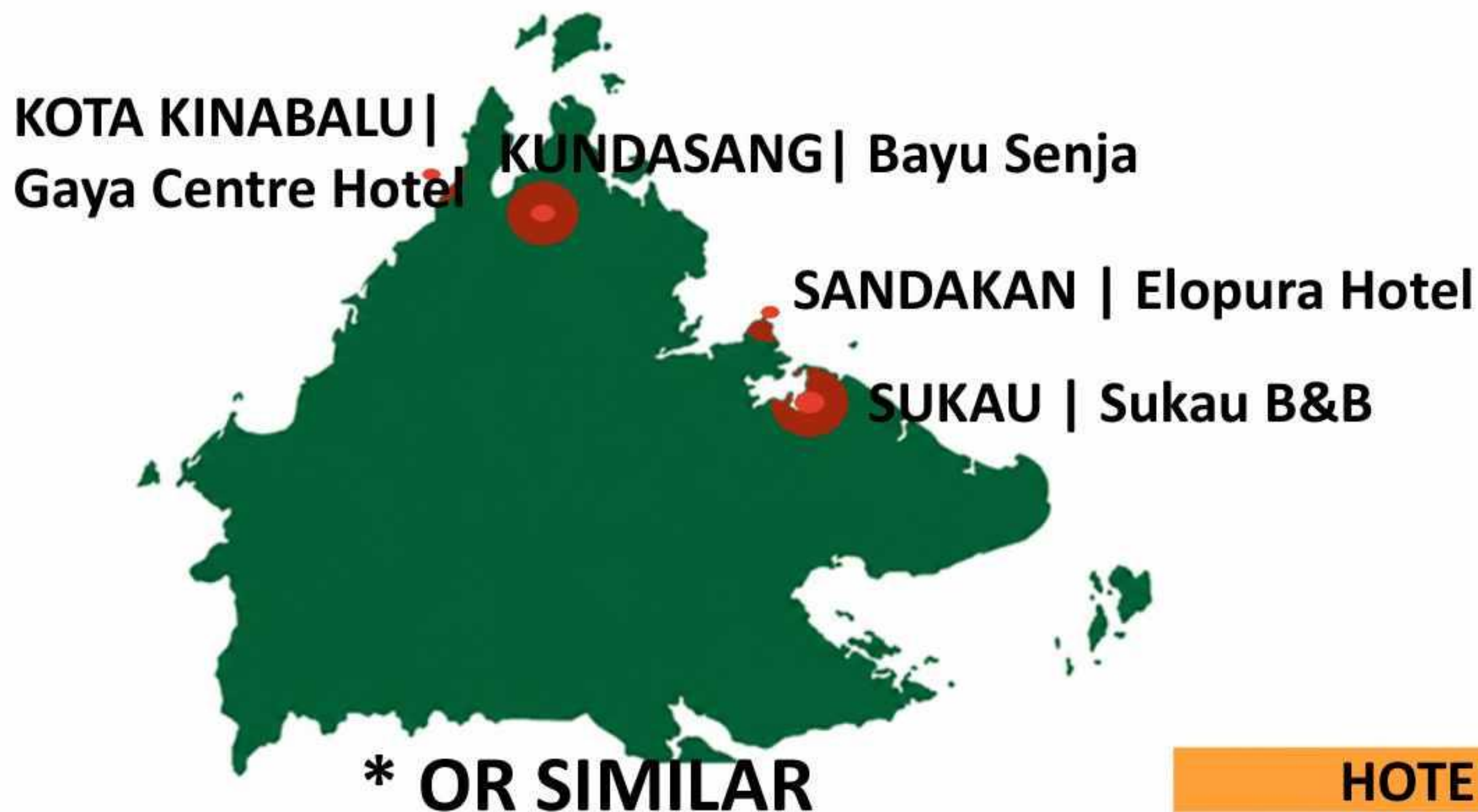


Day 8 : August 22

**SANDAKAN
DEPARTURE**

This day marks the end of our Borneo Adventure. Go back with beautiful memories, stories and new friendships that you have made on the journey.

You will be dropped to the airport as per your individual flight timings.



what people say about us

←  **shruthi venkatesh**
Local Guide · 18 reviews

★★★★★ a year ago

Arunachal Pradesh, November 2024. I travelled to Arunachal Pradesh with Santhosh aka Exotic Expedition. One of the best trips filled with exhilarating and fascinating experiences. I usually travel solo and this was my first organized tour experience. Now I would like to explore many such possibilities. EE not covers all the important and famous sites but ensures that you experience the local culture and cuisine. You get to stay in some amazing homes stays and heritage homes. Each day is exciting and the flexibility element makes it more special. The stay, food and the evenings spent with fellow travellers makes the tour memorable and incredible. Each day is well planned and

 **XO**
2 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ 2 years ago

3 trips with them ... Meghalaya, Vietnam & recently Nagaland ! Each one simple , perfect & memorable. It's about an experience of the lifestyle and culture which is perfectly curated ... [More](#)



100% recommend (82 reviews) ⓘ


 **Divya Mehta Suri** recommends
Exotic Expeditions.
29 Jun 2024 · 🌐

Two things aptly define Exotic Expedition - affordable and safe

I did four trips with Santosh so far-Nagaland, Leh Ladakh, Vietnam and Cambodia Nagaland was on my list for a long time but due to its remote location I was hesitant to attempt it. But he made it memorable for us by adding the interior, non touristy and unexplored locations along with the World famous Hornbill festival in the itinerary... See more

 **Tarini Mukherji** recommends
Exotic Expeditions.
18 Dec 2023 · 🌐

I recently embarked on a mesmerizing journey with exotic expeditions to Nagaland, and it wa an adventure like no other. The tour seamless blended cultural immersion with breathtaking landscapes, offering an authentic glimpse into Nagaland's rich heritage. Santosh navigated us through vibrant local markets, where we indulged in delicious Naga cuisine and interacted with warm, welcoming locals. The highlight was the Hornbill Festival, a kaleidoscope of traditional dances, indigenous crafts, and the vibrant N... See mor

←  **Sandhya Pulaskar**
Local Guide · 40 reviews · 63 photos


★★★★★ a year ago

We booked our Bali trip for 10 days with Exotic Expeditions. The service and itinerary was designed as per our needs. Hotels and cab was booked by Santosh. The hotels were good, close to the beautiful landscapes, In Ubud, he booked a stay in between rice fields, in Amed, we had a beach front place. Loved all the stays! The itinerary was off beat and covered some of the best locations. We could not have discovered these hidden gems had we not chosen Exotic Expeditions. Thanks for making our Bali trip and the overall experience memorable! Looking forward to visit Ladhak with you guys

←  **Devesh Arora**
Local Guide · 22 reviews

★★★★★ 6 years ago


First things first, I love solo travelling! I never thought that group travelling can be as much fun as travelling by yourself, I was wrong. First time I traveled with Exotic Expeditions was in late 2016 (to Bhutan), since than I have done 6-7 trips (Bali, Andaman, Vietnam, Cambodia, North-East, Sri Lanka) with Santosh (Yes, he is the guy), and every trip has been an Experience! The places Santosh try to cover in his trips you will not find with any other tour company/guide. If I can try to sum-up travelling with E-E in one line, Exotic Expeditions is for real travelers, and may be for some tourists also, only if you know the difference ;) Cheers - Devesh

←  **Jaclyn Desouza**
Local Guide · 15 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ a day ago **New**


I had an absolutely fantastic experience travelling with Exotic Expeditions to Western Arunachal, Nagaland, Ubekistan and Bali. If you're someone who prefers meaningful, offbeat journeys over crowded tourist checklists, Exotic Expeditions truly delivers.

What stood out for me the most was how thoughtfully the itinerary was designed – unique locations, authentic local experiences, and hidden gems I would never have discovered on my own. Every detail from Home-stays in the north east to scenic routes in Bali to interactions with local communities in Ubekistan made the trips feel personal and

 **Vijay Pravin Iyer**
Local Guide · 6 reviews · 26 photos

★★★★★ Edited 7 months ago

Santosh Nair's remarkable endeavor in orchestrating the exotic Nagaland expedition deserves the greatest encomium. Exploring the resplendent locales and immersing ourselves in the vibrant cultural milieu has been nothing short of ... [More](#)






COST - Rs 72500/- per person

INCLUSIONS

- 2 Night stay in Kota Kinabalu, 1 Nights stay in Kundasang, 2 Nights stay in Kinabatangan, 2 Night stay in Sandakan (Double / Twin sharing)
- Breakfast on all days
- Private Car / Van for the mentioned internal travels
- Airport transfer's and city sightseeing by private car / van
- Kinabalu National Park, Gomantong Caves and Poring Hot Spring visit
- One Kinabatangan River Safari
- Munakan & Sapi Island tour
- Service charges
- Taxes

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EXCLUSIONS

- Flight Charges (Your city to Borneo and back)
- Entry tickets and camera charges (wherever applicable)
- Dinner & Lunch
- Other than those mentioned
- Extra Safari and Jungle Walk
- Day 7 activities (Free day)

STAYS

KOTA KINABALU - Gaya Centra

KUNDASANG - Bayu Senja

SUKAU - Sukau B&B

SANDAKAN - Elopura Hotel

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