



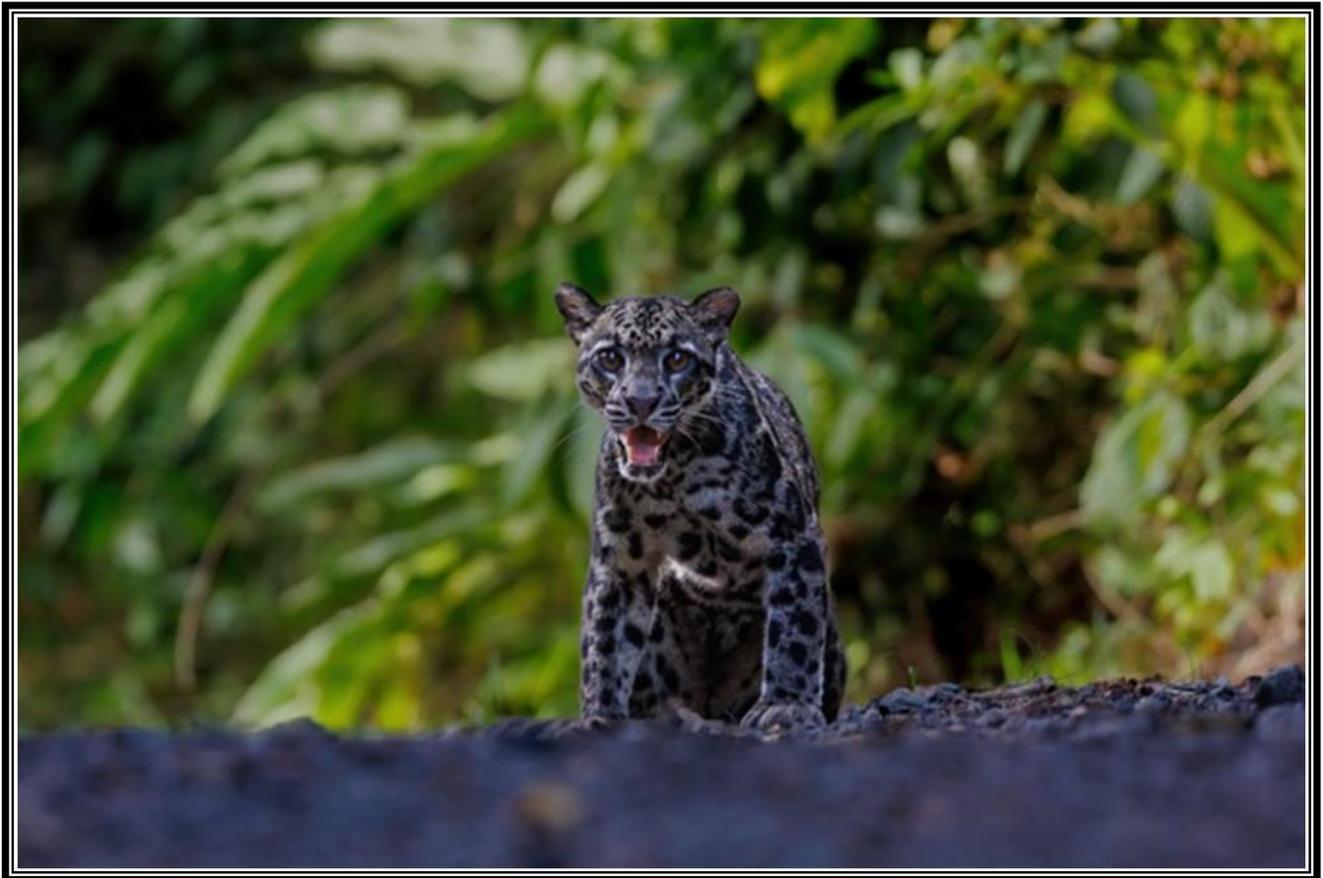
ROCKJUMPER

Wildlife Tours

Borneo

Rainforest mammals extension

5th to 9th September 2024 (5 days)



Sunda Clouded Leopard by Liew Weng Keong

Borneo is home to rich tropical rainforests populated with a diversity of exciting mammals. This tour offers the ultimate experience exploring the Tabin Wildlife Reserve, holding one of the largest populations of the mythical Sunda Clouded Leopard, and the riparian forest of Sukau on the Kinabatangan River. While seeing a Sunda Clouded Leopard can never be guaranteed, this unique extension will put extra effort, time, and dedication into trying for this very special cat.



Augmenting our search for the Sunda Clouded Leopard are many other incredible mammals of Borneo and we expect encounters with an exciting variety including ‘the old man of the forest’, the incomparable Bornean Orangutan, Proboscis Monkeys, with their strange pendulous nose and great pot belly, several species of gibbons, mischievous macaques, colorful langurs, several species of civets, wild cats, deer, and some very impressive squirrels, including giant flying squirrels and flying lemurs!

This tour promises an incredible, exotic blend of fabulous mammals, birds, and scenery; we greatly look forward to sharing the joys of this incomparable destination with you!

Tour highlights

- This special tour offering will put dedicated time and effort into trying to find the incredible Sunda Clouded Leopard. We would still need to be exceptionally lucky, but we will be giving ourselves extra chances with dedicated night drives for this species.
- Excellent chances at seeing ‘the old man of the forest’ – Bornean Orangutan.
- Other fabulous primates such as Bornean Gibbon, Hose’s Langur, Pig-tailed and Long-tailed Macaques, and the unique Proboscis Monkey.
- Exploring the Tabin Wildlife Sanctuary and discovering the Kinabatangan River ecosystem by boat.
- Enjoying the fantastic array of other wildlife such as Bornean Pygmy Elephant, Banteng, Leopard Cat, Malay Civet, Bearded Pig, Small-toothed Palm Civet, an array of giant flying squirrels, Colugo (Sunda Flying Lemur), Binturong (Bear Cat) and Greater Mouse Deer.

Itinerary & Map

Day 1	Afternoon transfer from Lahad Datu to Tabin Wildlife Reserve
Day 2	Tabin Wildlife Reserve. Embark on a 5-hour night drive.
Day 3	Tabin Wildlife Reserve. Embark on a 5-hour night drive.
Day 4	Tabin Wildlife Reserve and transfer to Kinabatangan River. Afternoon and evening river cruise.
Day 5	Morning cruise on the Kinabatangan River. Afternoon, transfer to Sandakan for connecting flight to Kota Kinabalu.





Detailed Itinerary



Leopard Cat by Markus Lilje

the reserve as possible during the day and at night and notable mammal highlights here could include Bearded Pig, Hose's Langur, Bornean Gibbon, and both the Pig-tailed and Long-tailed Macaques while our nocturnal forays could deliver the Common Palm, Masked Palm, Small-toothed Palm and Banded Palm Civets, Black and Giant Red Flying Squirrels, Leopard and Marbled Cats, Greater Mouse-Deer, and the Thick-spined Porcupine to name a few. Time spent in a hide along the river may also yield Small-clawed and Smooth-coated Otters.

As mentioned, night drives will form a big part of our explorations here at Tabin and while Sunda Clouded Leopard are occasionally seen during the day, it is on dedicated night drives where we stand our best chances. We will try and arrange for special permission to stay out longer than the typical night drives and hope to try for these cats, and other rare nocturnal species, until midnight or even beyond. Sunda Clouded Leopards are however shy cats and even with dedicated time searching we will still need a healthy dose of luck to find one. Sunda Clouded Leopards are currently listed as vulnerable by the IUCN and there is likely less than 10 000 in existence across their range. They are found only on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra and are highly threatened by deforestation, which sadly has been rampant over the past few decades on both islands. A sighting of Sunda Clouded Leopard would certainly be a mega occasion and we will be putting in extra effort on this special itinerary.

Birding highlights could include up to eight species of hornbill including Helmeted, Wreathed, Wrinkled, White-crowned, Malaysian Pied, Bushy-crested, Black and Rhinoceros Hornbills, Dusky and Black-and-Yellow Broadbills, Blue-eared and Black-backed Kingfishers, Red-naped Trogon, White-fronted Falconet, both Blue-headed and Black-headed Pittas, Malaysian Blue Flycatcher, jewel-like Temminck's and Purple-throated Sunbirds, among others. Rarities include Bornean Bristlehead, Giant Pitta, and Storm's Stork.

Day 4: Tabin Wildlife Reserve to the Kinabatangan River. After some morning exploration, we will depart the Tabin Wildlife Reserve and make our way by vehicle to the famed Kinabatangan River. After

Day 1: Afternoon transfer from Lahad Datu to Tabin Wildlife Reserve. From Lahad Datu, you will travel to the Tabin Wildlife Reserve which will serve as your home base for the next three nights. You will arrive in time to get acquainted and do some initial exploration.

Days 2 & 3: Tabin Wildlife Reserve. Considered to be the largest wildlife reserve anywhere in Malaysia, covering an immense area of some 300,000 acres, the Tabin Wildlife Reserve serves as the last stronghold for Sabah's three largest mammals, namely the Borneo Pygmy Elephant, critically endangered Sumatran Rhinoceros, and Banteng. Although we would need to be exceedingly lucky to see the now almost extinct Rhino, we stand an excellent chance at seeing both others along with a host of other rarities over the course of two full days. We will endeavour to cover as much of



Proboscis Monkey by Nigel Redman



Binturong by Nigel Redman

familiarizing ourselves with our new home we have the opportunity to explore the lodge grounds. Birding here can be rather productive, and we may very well find Hooded Pitta, Orange-bellied Flowerpecker, Brown-throated Sunbird, Plaintive Cuckoo, Black-and-red and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Short-tailed and White-chested Babblers and Rufous Piculet.

The concentration of wildlife here is, however, phenomenal and we will spend most of our time birding on productive boat trips on the main Kinabatangan River and its adjacent tributaries. These boat trips are simply amazing, allowing one to approach both birds and mammals at close range. Some of the wildlife we are likely to encounter on these trips include the rare Storm's Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Grey-headed and Lesser

Fish Eagles, Oriental Darter, Blue-eared and Stork-billed Kingfishers, Blue-throated Bee-eater, Wrinkled, Black and Rhinoceros Hornbills, Silvered Langur, Long-tailed sub-species of Crab-eating Macaque, the bizarre Proboscis Monkey, Oriental Small-clawed Otter, Bornean Pygmy Elephant, Bornean Gibbon and even the striking black and yellow Mangrove Snake as well as Reticulated Python, the longest snake in the world, are both possible. If we are fortunate, we may encounter some of the Kinabatangan's rarer inhabitants such as Helmeted and White-crested Hornbills, White-fronted Falconet, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Jerdon's Baza, Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo, Long-tailed Parakeet, the very rare and until recently mythical Bornean Ground Cuckoo, Flat-headed Cat, Maroon Langur and Southern Pig-tailed Macaque.

The Kinabatangan River offers some interesting opportunities to explore at night with night boat trips where we can look for many nocturnal species including rarities such as Flat-headed Cat. This is also another location where Sunda Clouded Leopard can potentially be seen, and we will put in some good time along the river hoping to connect with this beautiful rarity. Small-toothed Palm Civet is a regular sighting while roosting birds such as various kingfishers, shamas, and broadbills are always a treat while good populations of Buffy Fish Owl occur.

Day 5: Kinabatangan River and depart for Sandakan for a connecting flight to Kota Kinabalu. Superb rainforest birding is to be had during our final morning along the Kinabatangan River. The surrounding area has unfortunately been reduced to endless tracts of commercial Oil Palm plantations with the result that nearly all the region's wildlife has been forced into a narrow strip of forest along the river. We have several more hours this morning to explore the Kinabatangan River and the surrounding rainforest by boat, following which we will depart for Sandakan where we will catch our connecting flight back to Kota Kinabalu where our tour will come to an end.



Small-toothed Palm Civet by Rand Rudland



Tour Grading & Key

Overall Ease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Generally undemanding, though sightings of nocturnal wildlife (including Sunda Clouded Leopard) require luck.
Birding Ease	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One of the most enjoyable & prolific wildlife destinations in the Asia. Expect to see a high diversity of birds. Possibility for several rarely seen mammals.
Accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comfortable accommodations.
Walking / Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mostly short walks on flat ground. Most of our time will be spent in a vehicle.
Vehicles / Roads	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4x4 vehicles throughout.
Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting is usually a challenge and views can be fleeting in forested habitats.
Annoyances	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temperatures can be hot. Some chance of rain.

Financial Arrangements and Important Notes

The fee for the 5-day **Borneo Rainforest Mammals extension** is:

- **US\$6,750.00 per person** sharing based on 2 participants & 1 Rockjumper Wildlife tour leader;
- **US\$5,050.00 per person** sharing based on 3 participants & 1 Rockjumper Wildlife tour leader;
- **US\$4,150.00 per person** sharing based on 4 participants & 1 Rockjumper Wildlife tour leader;
- **US\$3,950.00 per person** sharing based on 5 participants & 1 Rockjumper Wildlife tour leader;
- **US\$3,650.00 per person** sharing based on 6 participants & 1 Rockjumper Wildlife tour leader.

The single supplement cost is **US\$750.00** and will be charged if you wish to have single accommodation. If RWT cannot provide you with a rooming partner although you choose to share, the single supplement will become applicable. We will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that a rooming partner is found if you do wish to share.

The tour fee includes:

- All meals from dinner on Day 1 to lunch on Day 5;
- Bottled Water;
- All lodgings;
- Ground transportation;
- Reserve entrance fees;
- 5-hour night excursions in the Tabin Wildlife Reserve;
- Boat fees for the Kinabatangan River;
- One-way internal flight from Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu (Day 5);
- Guide costs;
- Local staff gratuities; and
- Services of a Rockjumper Wildlife tour leader.

The tour fee does not include:

- Visa fees;



- ANY International flights;
- Any beverages other than Bottled water; and
- Special gratuities, telephone calls, laundry and items of a personal nature.

Tiping: As noted above, gratuities are included on this tour. However, this does not include your Rockjumper Wildlife Tours Tour Leader. If you feel that your leader/s have given you excellent service, it is entirely appropriate to tip them at your discretion.

- **Due to constantly fluctuating exchange rates, we quote our tours in 4 currencies. The tour price is fixed only in the currency printed in bold, and the actual cost in the other currencies listed will be adjusted according to prevailing exchange rates at the time of final invoicing. The same applies to approximate flight and single supplement rates.**
- **Tour prices are subject to unforeseen increases in tour-related costs and may have to be adjusted as a result.**
- **The designated tour leader/s may be changed at short due to unforeseen circumstances.**
- **The itinerary is indicative only. Changes made need to be made to the order in which the tour is conducted, or some of the venues we visit closer to departure. We will attempt to adhere as closely to the original program as possible.**

Arrival and departure details:

The main tour begins in Lahad Datu on Day 1 of the tour. The tour concludes in Kota Kinabalu on Day 5 in the late afternoon/early evening. Please ensure that your international flights leave after 21:00pm. If you would like to arrive early or depart late, please do let the Rockjumper office know and we will be happy to arrange extra accommodation for you.

The above information in respect of arrivals and departures is a guide only. Precise arrival and departure information will be sent to you in your Tour Confirmation package once the tour has been officially confirmed. If you wish to arrive early and/or depart late and would like assistance in this regard, kindly contact the Rockjumper office.

IMPORTANT: please **DO NOT** book your international flights until you have consulted the Rockjumper office for confirmation on the status of the tour.

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