

## Journey Idea for A Honeymoon to Malaysia

16 Days



Prepared for  
Steppes Travel Clients

## QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly UK / Kuala Lumpur (overnight)
Day 2	Arrive Kuala Lumpur
Day 3	Kuala Lumpur
Day 4	Fly Kuala Lumpur / Sandakan
Day 5	Sandakan
Day 6	Sandakan/Lankayan Island
Day 7	Lankayan Island
Day 8	Lankayan Island
Days 9	Lankayan Island/Kinabatangan River
Day 10	Kinabatangan River
Day 11	Fly Sandakan / Kuala Lumpur Fly Kuala Lumpur / Kuala Terrangganu
Day 12	Tanjong Jara Resort
Day 13	Tanjong Jara Resort
Day 14	Tanjong Jara Resort
Day 15	Tanjong Jara Resort
Day 16	Fly Kuala Terrangganu / Kuala Lumpur / UK

## DETAILED TRIP ITINERARY

### Day 1

#### London UK/Kuala Lumpur

Depart UK on a flight to Kuala Lumpur, a flight time of approximately 12 hours, flying overnight.

### Day 2

#### Kuala Lumpur

Arrive Kuala Lumpur. You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel in the city.

*The Crowne Plaza Mutiara hotel is superbly situated amidst five acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of Kuala Lumpur's business, entertainment and shopping district. Only a five minute walk away are the brand new Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, the world famous Petronas Twin Towers, Suria KLCC shopping centre and Kuala Lumpur's hottest nightspots on the streets of Jalan P Ramlee & Bukit Bintang. A monorail station at the entrance of the hotel ensures quick access to other parts of the city.*

*Overnight at Crowne Plaza Mutiara on a bed & breakfast basis.*

*\*\*There are alternative hotels available.*

### Day 3

#### Kuala Lumpur

Spend the full day at your leisure exploring the city.

Commonly known as 'KL', Kuala Lumpur is the focal point of new Malaysia, however unlike many Asian cities it still has many beautiful old buildings from a bygone era, green areas and friendly charm. Over the last 10 years KL has been transformed into a modern thriving metropolis with spectacular buildings like the Petronas Towers (the tallest in the world) and extensive shopping. A unique blend of old colonial and new Asian where Chinese tea houses, Indian shops and Malay hawker stalls line streets next to world-class hotels and super hi rise office blocks.

*Overnight at Crowne Plaza Mutiara on a bed & breakfast basis.*

### Day 4

#### Kuala Lumpur/Sandakan

This morning you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Sandakan. On arrival in Sandakan you will be met and transferred to your hotel at Sepilok.



*Hidden amongst a veritable treasure trove of tropical plants and grasses, hug trees and spectacular orchids in bloom, the quaint bungalows of the Sepilok Nature Resort are within walking distance of the world-famous Kabili-Sepilok Forest Reserve, precious home of the last wild Orang-utans of Northern Borneo.*

*The resort offers all the comforts and amenities needed after a long day spent trekking in the forest: all the timber chalets-sitting by a beautiful natural lake - have attached bathrooms with hot and cold water, shower and bathtub, ceiling fan and air-conditioning. Meals are served in the central building under*

*coved terraces, and it is not uncommon at all to wake up in the morning with an Orang-utan or a few pig-tail Macaques sitting on the verandah.*

Spend the rest of the day at leisure. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a jungle night walk.

*Overnight at Sepilok Nature Resort on a bed & breakfast basis.*

## Day 5

### Sepilok



Spend the full day at your leisure today to explore the Orang-utan rehabilitation centre which is a short walk from your hotel.

Ten thousand years ago orang-utans - 'man of the forest', were found throughout Southeast Asia, ranging all the way into Southern China. Since then their range has shrunk dramatically, and the species is now only found in relic populations on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra. The centre at Sepilok is the largest and one of only 4 sanctuaries in the world where you can view these fascinating animals at close proximity.



Orphaned and injured orang-utans are brought to Sepilok where the centre facilitates their return to the wild. Today around 25 young orphan orang-utans are housed in the nurseries, in addition to those free in the reserve.

The Orang-utans are fed twice daily from platforms in the forest, which are reached along raised wooden walkways from the centre. This feeding is just to supplement what they can't find for themselves in the jungle.

There are also some trekking options into the jungle itself should you wish to do so. The forestry department have recently opened a reserve.

*Overnight at Sepilok Nature Resort on a bed & breakfast basis.*

## Day 6

### Sepilok/Lankayan Island



After breakfast you will transfer to the jetty for your boat to Lankayan Island.

*Lankayan is soon to be declared part of an immense Marine Protected Area. Unpopulated and covered by thick tropical island vegetation on its topside, this peaceful, untouched little bit of paradise is ringed by an endless pure white sandy beach, offering simply elegant and exquisite accommodation in a handful of wooden, roomy and perfectly appointed seafront chalets.*



*Meals are informally served at the central open building, which boasts a beautiful open-air wooden terrace, the ideal spot for after dinner relaxation and chatting, all the while admiring the dozens of juvenile blacktip sharks swimming leisurely a few feet beneath.*

*While the ideal destination for who search tranquility and relaxation in a virgin natural setting and for families with*



children, Lankayan Island is also one of the hottest diving destination on the map today: its dive sites - all just a few minutes away - boast unbelievably colourful macro fauna, fascinating wrecks and, in season from March to May, regular sightings of gigantic and harmless whale sharks, the "dream date" of every diver in the world.

*There is also a turtle hatchery on the island.*

*Overnight on Lankayan Island on a full board basis.*

## Day 7 & 8

### Lankayan Island

Spend the next two days relaxing at your leisure.

*Overnight on Lankayan on a full board basis.*

## Day 9

### Lankayan Island/Kinabatangan River

This morning you will get the boat back to Sandakan where you will be met and proceed to the village of Sukau (approx 3 hours), on arrival you will check into your accommodation.



*Your accommodation for tonight are cabins situated beside the Kinabatangan River - Sabah's longest and the second longest in Malaysia. Set amidst the tropical rainforest of Kinabatangan, the accommodation is very simple but offers you a true feel of the village life surrounded by nature and all of its serene beauty. 15 units of twin-bedded rooms, ceiling fan, mosquito netting and en-suite facilities with hot water. Meals are prepared in local style at the hotel restaurant, which overlooks the river. Tea and coffee are on tap and complimentary all day every day.*

After lunch and some time to rest on arrival, you will board a boat on the Kinabatangan River and cruise along the river to search for wildlife, especially the Proboscis monkey.

*Overnight at Discovery Tours River Lodge on a full board basis.*

## Day 10

### Kinabatangan River

An early start this morning for a river trip to Ox-bow lake where you can view more wildlife.

Return to the lodge for breakfast and spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

This afternoon you can enjoy another river trip should you wish or visit the local caves at dusk to watch the bat display.

*Overnight at Discovery Tours River Lodge on a full board basis.*



## Day 11



## Sandakan/Kuala Lumpur/Kuala Terrangganu

This morning you will transfer back to Sandakan for your flights to Kuala Lumpur and onwards to Kuala Terrangganu.

You will be met on arrival by a representative from the Tanjong Jara & transferred south, approx 1 ¼ hrs to the hotel.

*This beautifully restored resort is situated within 17 hectares on peninsular Malaysia's east coast. The suites and cottages are traditionally styled on 17th century Malay architecture with the interiors decorated in rich timbers and local fabrics. A one and a half kilometre stretch of sandy beach separates the resort from the South China Sea. The surrounding area is rich in natural and cultural attractions with river safaris through the jungle and visits to the local Malay villages being offered. Facilities include tennis, 2 swimming pools, water sports and a spa offering treatments for the body and soul.*

*Overnight at Tanjong Jara Resort on a bed & breakfast basis.*



## Days 12 - 15

## Tanjong Jara Resort

Spend the next 4 days at your leisure relaxing and enjoying the hotel facilities and the surrounding area.

*Overnight at Tanjong Jara Resort on a bed & breakfast basis.*



## Day 16

## Kuala Terrangganu/Kuala Lumpur/UK

Today you will transfer to the airport for your flights to Kuala Lumpur and onwards to the UK.

## TRIP PRICE

In each location there is a variety of different category of hotels, lodges and guest houses, therefore the price below is a guide only.

**Price from £3,495 per person, based on two sharing**

The rates quoted are subject to the availability of all services, currency fluctuations, written confirmation and Steppes Travels terms and conditions.

The price includes return flight from UK, internal flights, local transport, airport-hotel transfers and tours, accommodation (twin/double) and board. Accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis, unless staying in a remote lodge when normally this will be on a full board basis.

The price excludes extra local excursions and guided tours, travel insurance, visas, single supplements (if applicable) and items of a personal nature, such as laundry, drinks, etc.

**Please note** that the above is only a suggested journey, allowing in-depth visits to the highlights of the country and the chance to explore the wide range of possibilities this fascinating country has to offer. We have a separate list of escorted tours and specialise in tailoring individual itineraries to your particular interests and requirements. This journey idea serves more as a general guide on what there is to see and do, as well as a guide on price.

**Clothing and equipment** - Proper gear is important when visiting rainforest environments. We would advise that you bring insect repellent, long trousers and long-sleeved shirts, a raincoat and a sunhat, swimming gear, trekking boots or trainers, a torch, binoculars, camera and video and a water bottle. If you are planning to go trekking in the rainforest you may wish to take leech socks with you.

**Currency** - The local currency in Malaysia is the ringgit (RM).

Major credit cards, and Traveller's cheques (best to have American Express or Thomas Cook) are widely accepted at most banks and hotels and you can make cash withdrawals from ATM machines if you have your pin number. When travelling in more rural areas it is good to have some local currency and try to have some smaller denominations when outside of the larger cities.

**Tipping** - Tipping is not compulsory but is now accepted and expected. However, please do not feel obliged to tip guides or drivers if you feel the level of service has fallen below what you have expected. You may want to tip more for exceptional services. As a general rule I would suggest USD7 (or equivalent in local currency) per day for the guide and USD3 per day for the driver. It is not necessary to tip in the less expensive local restaurants but in the better local restaurants and hotels a service charge is sometimes included or if not you may want to round the bill up.

Please note that your internal flight schedules and itinerary may be subject to alteration due to unforeseen circumstances, local conditions or schedule changes. While Steppes Travel will make every effort to provide the itinerary as presented this is sometimes not possible and your patience and understanding are requested if the itinerary should change.

You will be met on arrival in each city by your guide. When arriving by air please claim your luggage and proceed to the exit where the guide will be waiting for you with a signboard with your name on it.

Luggage with wheels is useful since porters and trolleys are not always available.

If for any reason you are not met on arrival in any of the cities, you should wait for up to one hour in case the guide has been unavoidably delayed. If the guide fails to appear please take a taxi to the hotel listed in the itinerary. Please show the clerk at the reception desk your itinerary and check in.

If they demand money please explain that your travel agent (see contacts sheet) will sort out the problem. If the hotel still demands some monetary guarantee please pay and try and contact our ground (travel) agent as soon as possible. Please keep receipts (if possible) for all moneys demanded from you.

Please do not worry. This is a precautionary measure in the unlikely event that things do not work out as planned.

### **Why Travel with Steppes?**

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