

# RAJA LAUT

Sabah, Malaysian Borneo



Sabah has long been an exiting holiday destination for lovers of nature, culture, diving and adventure. Known as the “Land Below the Wind”, this lush corner of Borneo lies outside of the typhoon belt free from major climatic disturbances, and is bounded by 3 seas: the South China Sea, the Sulu Sea, and the Celebes Sea. Here you will find tropical islands, including coral atolls and oceanic islands, pristine beaches, crystal clear waters, giant rivers, dense tropical jungle, high mountains, and an abundance of nature & wildlife. It is precisely the convergence of these factors that make Sabah one of the most bio-diverse lands in the world and a cruising destination with so much to offer.



# Sample Itinerary

*Please note that this is only a sample itinerary and it can be adjusted and adapted according to your preferences.*



## *Day 1*

### **Kota Kinabalu**

Embarkation aboard Raja Laut and set sail to the island of Pulau Tiga, known as the original ‘Survivor Island’ where the reality TV show was first filmed. Geothermal activity below the centre of the island has created warm bubbling mud baths which are not only relaxing to sit in but also therapeutic.



## *Day 2 & 3*

### **Pulau Tiga & Marine Park**

Here one can stretch the legs on nature trails which take you through the jungle and across the island, resident wildlife include macaques, giant monitor lizards, wild boar, and hornbill.



## *Day 4*

### **Mantanani**

On a clear day, the cruise towards Mantanani will reveal great views of Mount Kinabalu, the highest peak in Southeast Asia. Keen scuba divers would have an exciting opportunity to dive on a Japanese shipwreck lying in 35m of water, a legacy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. There is also a chance to encounter the resident dugong or ‘sea cow’.



## *Day 5 & 6*

### **Tip of Borneo**

The northern-most part of Borneo island, with miles of empty white sand beaches and offshore





islands to explore. Here we will explore the Rungus longhouse, a traditional communal home of a tribe famed for their weaving, beadwork and traditional music.

*Day 7*

#### Lankayan

Sail through the Malawali channel and southeast into the Sulu Sulawesi Sea lies Pulau Lankayan. Empty white sand beaches and crystal clear waters accompany this small and stunning tropical island. Diving and snorkeling here is very good. During the spring season the giant but harmless whale shark are frequent visitors!



*Day 8*

#### Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary

Disembark in Sandakan port, just 20km by taxi from the Sepilok orangutan sanctuary. The Centre was set up in 1964 to rehabilitate orphaned baby orang utan and a system of walkways and feeding platforms give researchers and tourists alike the opportunity to watch the Orang Utan up close in their natural habitat.



*Day 9 & 10*

#### Kinabatangan River

The Kinabatangan River sustains one of the world's richest ecosystems and is one of only two known places in the world where 10 species of primates are found. In addition there are pythons, crocodiles, pigmy elephants, and the extremely rare Sumatran rhinoceros. A trip up the river at dawn or dusk is the best opportunity to see the wildlife.



## *Day 11*

### **Darvel Bay**

In Darvel Bay, you will find the idyllic and rarely visited islands of the Semporna Islands Park. This area offers excellent diving and snorkeling exploration.

## *Day 12*

### **Sipadan**

First discovered by Jacques Cousteau, this island is a real jewel, with immaculate white sand beaches, clear turquoise blue seas and fringing reefs. It is also one of the worlds best dive destinations, home to huge schools of jacks, spiraling barracuda, and turtles in abundance which can be seen living in a varied underwater topography of drop offs, caverns and coral gardens.

## *Day 13*

### **Sipadan - Tawau**

Disembarkation in Semporna and transfer to airport for flight back to Kota Kinabalu.

