

## Cruise into the heart of Borneo in comfort

Depart Cairns 7th April at 6.15PM arrive Singapore 11.00PM

Accommodation: Peninsular Excelsior IN: 7th April OUT: 8th April

Depart Singapore 8th April at 8.15PM arrive Kuching 9.45PM – Scoot

Accommodation: Hilton Kuching IN: 8th April OUT: 9th April

Commence the following cruise on the 9th April on the M/Y Panorama II in Kuching and ending in Kota Kinabalu on the 17th April

### Day 1: Kuching

Selamat datang! Welcome to Malaysia. Kuching means 'cat' in Malay and the city lives up to its animal namesake – dreamy, sophisticated and just a little bit wild. Meet your fellow travellers and leaders at a central hotel at 2.30 pm and transfer to the port where you will board your vessel, settle in and attend a welcome meeting and safety briefing. With the formalities out of the way, sit down to dinner with your fellow travellers on board and get to know each other. This evening is spent at port.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Meals Included

- Dinner

Special Information

It is very important that you are at the meeting point on time as we will be collecting insurance details and at this time. Once on board the vessel you will be taken through a safety briefing. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or an Intrepid representative know.

An airport transfer is included if you are arriving today, or if you are arriving earlier and have booked pre-voyage accommodation with Intrepid.

### Day 2: Kuching

In the morning head to Semenggoh Orangutan Sanctuary – a government-funded rehabilitation centre, by private minivan (approx. 1 hour). The centre was set up to help reintroduce these wonderful creatures back into the wild after a life of domestication or having been orphaned. Head into the jungle via a walkway, where from a viewing platform you can watch and photograph the orangutans as they swing into view and eat the supplementary diet of bananas and milk that is laid out for them twice a day. Take some time to savour the special moments in these animals' company. Human contact must be kept to a minimum and it's essential that you follow your leader's instructions. Next, drive to Sarawak Cultural Center (approx. 1-1.5 hours). Watch a lively dance performance and learn about the traditions and histories of the diverse ethnic groups of Sarawak. Get a taste of how the various cultures have influenced the cuisine with lunch at the Cultural Village. Return to Kuching (approx. 45 mins) and enjoy a free afternoon and evening to explore at your leisure. A delicious dinner should not be hard to come by, as Kuching is overflowing with options. Perhaps ask your leader where to seek out the best bowl of kolo mee, a classic dry noodle dish. This evening, you may wish to join an optional sunset cruise along the Sarawak River to enjoy the city skyline, at your own expense.

Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

Included Activities

- Sarawak Cultural Village tour with performance and lunch
- Kuching - Semenggoh Orangutan Sanctuary

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

#### Day 3: Lakei Island

Set sail for Pulau Lakei, a quiet island where a small stretch of sandy beach is backed by lush jungle. Aside from its beauty, this small island is also rich in local legends about a religious hermit called Hajji Ibrahim who is alleged to have lived on the island hundreds of years ago. Cool off with a swim on the beach, and if time allows enjoy a hike to one of the islands clifftops for views of the South China Sea. Return to the Panorama II for lunch and a leisurely afternoon of sailing north towards Mukah.

#### Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Pulau Lakei beach and jungle walks

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

#### Day 4: Mukah

Wake up in Mukah, also known as the Melanau Heartland. Disembark the Panorama II and embark on a tour of a local village, where a local cook will show you how to craft the traditional Melanau fare umai, a raw fish dish you may have already fallen in love with. Enjoy lunch at a local guesthouse and try out some more Mukah favourites. Sago, a starch that comes from palm trees, is bound to make an appearance. Reboard the vessel and spend the afternoon and evening at sea.

#### Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Mukah Village tour with guesthouse lunch

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

#### Day 5: Miri

This morning we take a drive of about an hour to Lambir Hills National Park. The forest ecosystem in this park is home to the greatest plant biodiversity on the planet as well as 237 different species of bird, flying squirrels, wild pigs, gibbons and other monkeys. We'll explore one of the trails taking a short hike to a waterfall where there is the opportunity for a refreshing swim.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant and we will stop at Canada Hill for panoramic views of the coastline. Return to Miri and enjoy a free evening to explore the city or relax on board. The city offers a diverse range of food options for dinner, from chicken and rice to local variations of laksa.

#### Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Lambir Hills National Park with lunch

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

#### Day 6: Bendar Seri Bagawan, Brunei

Travel to Bandar Seri Begawan in Brunei and enjoy a half-day city tour. Visit the Royal Regalia Museum, which is dedicated to the current Sultan of Brunei Hassanal Bolkiah. You'll also visit the opulent Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque. With its gold domes and palatial feel, it is widely considered one of the most arresting mosques in Asia. After sightseeing among the splendour of the city, cruise to a more low-key destination – a water village where you will enjoy tea in a local home. Return to the Panorama II for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at your leisure on board or in the city. In the late afternoon, you can choose whether to join your leader on an optional trip to the Gadong Night Market to purchase some local dishes for dinner. Alternatively, seek out your own culinary delights.

#### Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Bendar Seri Bagawan city tour

#### Optional Activities

- Brunei by Night with dinner - MYR270

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

#### Day 7: Ulu Tempurung National Park, Brunei

Spend the day in the lush environs of Ulu Tempurung National Park, a virgin rainforest of the most spectacular order. Take a boat trip through the tributaries that snake through the forest, keeping an eye out for colourful butterflies, gibbons and more. You can choose how to spend the rest of your time in the park. Active types may want to try an optional canopy walk. Just keep in mind that in order to access the bridges in the canopy you will need to climb up more than 700 steps. Those who brave the heights will be rewarded with views of untouched rainforest as far as the eye can see. Vertigo sufferers (or those who prefer to relax) may wish to unwind at the Ulu Ulu Resort or take a short hike to a mini waterfall. This evening enjoy a Captain's dinner in Bandar and then sail overnight to Pulau Tiga National Park.

#### Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Ulu Tempurung National Park
- Captain's Dinner

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

#### Day 8: Pulau Tiga National Park

Cruise into Pulau Tiga National Park this morning and start your day with swimming and snorkelling in clear waters. You're sure to spot different varieties of tropical fish darting among colourful coral. Next, rejuvenate with a wallow in a volcanic mud pool which is said to help skin conditions. Enjoy a barbecue lunch on the deck of the Panorama II, soaking up views of the incredible coast. Spend the afternoon and evening at your leisure. You can either continue to explore, relax on the beach or enjoy a drink on the deck with unrivalled views of paradise. Set sail for Kota Kinabalu late in the evening.

#### Accommodation

- M/Y Panorama II (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Deck BBQ lunch
- Pulau Tiga snorkelling and hiking

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

#### Day 9: Kota Kinabalu

Enjoy a final breakfast on board, then bid farewell to your crew before being transferred to a central hotel in Kota Kinabalu where your tour will end on arrival. This modern metropolis has rebounded from multiple bombings during WWII and boasts several interesting museums to explore, markets to browse and beaches to relax on.

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast

Accommodation: Shangri La IN: 17th April OUT: 19th April

Depart Kota Kinabalu 19th April at 7.50PM arrive Singapore 10.05PM – scoot  
Depart Singapore 20th April at 1.10AM arrive Cairns 9.55AM – Silk air

Cost per person \$4117.00 and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 1 nights accommodation in Singapore
- 8 night cruise
- 1 nights accommodation in Kuching
- 2 nights accommodation in Kota Kinabalu
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 5 dinners