



World  
Challenge

# BORNEO - BAKO TREKS, SEMENGGOH & COMMUNITY (13 NIGHTS)

LEADERSHIP  
EXPEDITIONS



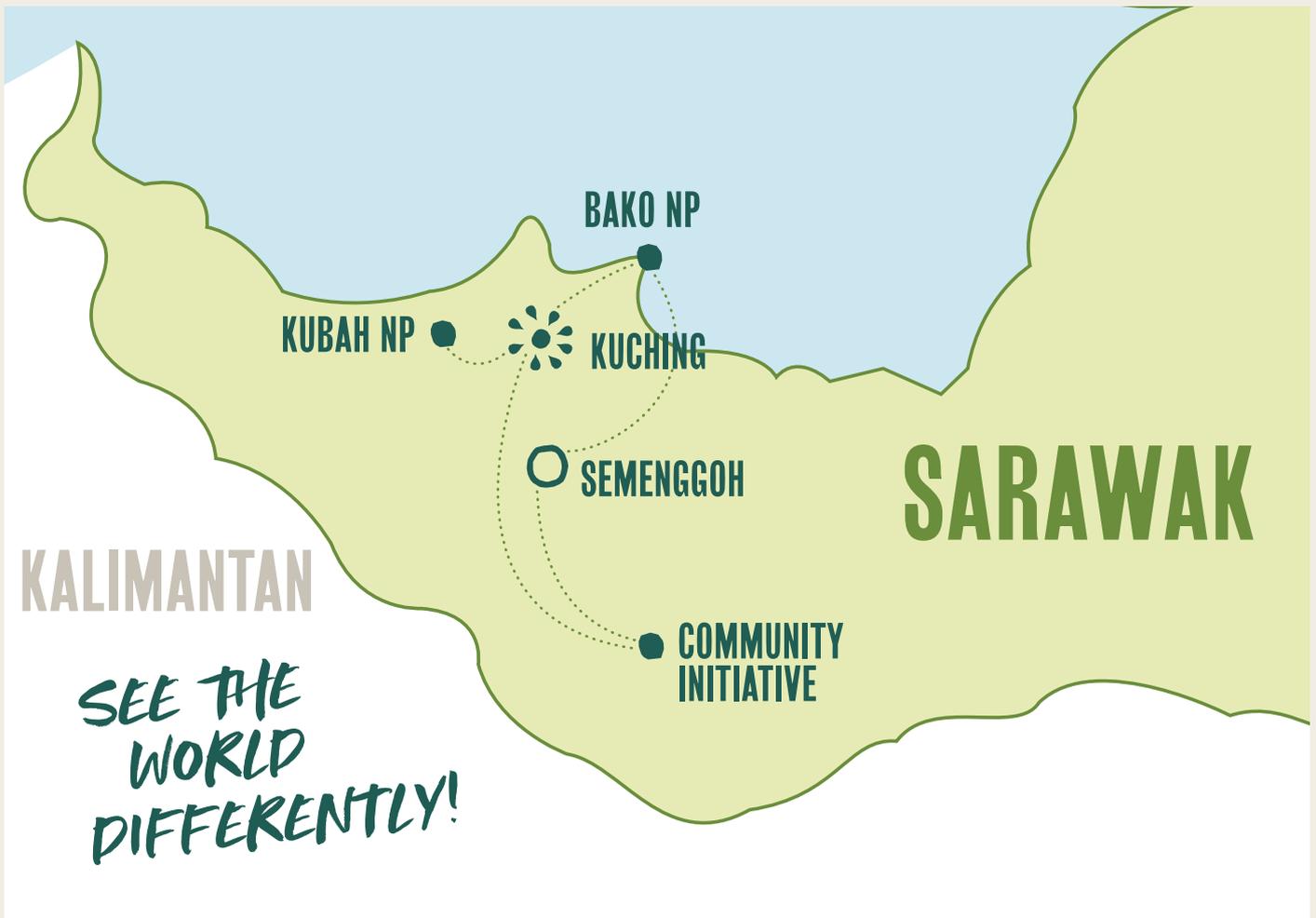
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We believe in the power of extraordinary experiences. They allow us to see ourselves, others and the world differently, and develop our confidence, independence and resilience.

## 13 NIGHT EXPEDITION IN BORNEO

Trek through the jungles of Bako National Park, meet orangutans up-close and contribute to a community initiative. With you and your team tackling fresh challenges each day, this once-in-a-lifetime experience proves just how much you're capable of. It could change the way you see yourself and the world, forever.

START  
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## DAY 1

### ARRIVE IN KUCHING

Sleep: Hostel

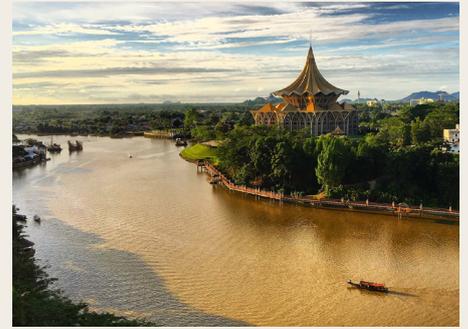
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Touch down in Kuching, the capital of Sarawak and gateway to the jungle. You've made it to Borneo - an island of rainforests, orangutans and adventure.

Make sure you get some rest after your flight. You're about to take the road less travelled and experience the places you've been dreaming about.

Steamy jungles, tribal communities and rugged highlands - they're all here, waiting to be explored.



## TRAVELLING RESPONSIBLY

REMEMBER, YOU'RE MORE THAN A TOURIST IN THIS PLACE. YOU'RE PART OF A TEAM OF GLOBAL CITIZENS, EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND COMMITTED TO LIFELONG LEARNING.

STAY OPEN TO OPPORTUNITIES, CONTRIBUTE WHERE YOU CAN, AND CONNECT WITH THE MANY PEOPLE YOU MEET ALONG THE ROAD.

## DAY 2

### DISCOVER THE CITY

Sleep: Hostel

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Wake up to your first morning in Borneo and dive into expedition life. Assign some team roles and meet the ground team. You'll need to buy some food supplies and a SIM card for the team phone - head to the market and get to grips with the currency, Malaysian ringgit.

Jobs done, it's time to explore. Kuching is Sarawak's oldest city, with a

picturesque setting on the Sarawak River. Get your bearings on a stroll to the historic waterfront, where sampan water taxis glide by.

Smell sizzling street food in the alleyways of Chinatown. Taste satay sticks and your first 'kolo mee' - Chinese-style noodles with soup and soy sauce. Yum!

## DAYS 3-4

### BAKO NATIONAL PARK

Sleep: Camp

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Travel: Transfer 45mins + boat 30mins to the park

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Day treks: 2 days

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Trek difficulty: ● ● ● ●

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Travel to Bako - a jaw-dropping national park that teems with wildlife. This pocket of paradise is home to almost every type of plant life found in Borneo.

Spend the next two days navigating the trail network through 12 different ecosystems. Bako has everything from mangroves to grassland and beaches. Listen for macaques, wild boar and proboscis monkeys - these big-nosed primates are only found in Borneo.

At night, you'll camp at the park HQ, surrounded by stars and the sounds of nocturnal wildlife. It really is magical out here.



## PLAN AHEAD

NOW'S THE TIME TO BOOK ANY OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES. CHAT WITH THE GROUND TEAM AND GET PLANNING!

# DAY 5

## ○ SEMENGGOH WILDLIFE CENTRE

Sleep: Hostel

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Travel: Boat 30mins + transfer 1hr to Semenggoh, transfer 45mins to Kuching

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Nothing quite prepares you for Semenggoh Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. It's one of the few places on the planet where you'll see orangutans in their natural habitat.

The centre cares for injured orangutans and teaches this endangered species how to survive in a protected area of rainforest. Feeding time is the best chance of seeing them up close.



Look up into the trees and you may also catch sight of one of the centre's other residents – the macaque monkey.

Drag yourself away and head back to Kuching for a night in the city.

## MAN OF THE FOREST

ORANGUTAN MEANS 'MAN OF THE FOREST' IN MALAY. THESE INTELLIGENT APES SHARE 96.4% OF OUR GENES.

# DAY 6

## ○ TRAVEL TO SERIAN

Sleep: Community-hosted accommodation

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Travel: Transfer 1.5hrs to the community

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Travel to Kampung Lobang Batu in Serian and settle into your new surroundings—this welcoming village will be your home for the next few days.

Nestled in lush greenery, the area offers a peaceful escape and a chance to experience traditional Bidayuh culture.

Once you've settled in, get ready for your first adventure: a trip to the nearby caves. Explore fascinating limestone formations, hidden chambers, and underground rivers as you learn about the geology and local legends tied to these ancient caverns. It's the perfect way to start your time here—full of exploration, discovery, and connection with the natural



## THE JADE CAVE

SILABUR CAVE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "JADE CAVE," IS NAMED FOR ITS STUNNING GREENISH LIMESTONE WALLS THAT GLOW LIKE PRECIOUS JADE WHEN ILLUMINATED.

# DAYS 7-9

## ● COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Sleep: Community-hosted accommodation

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Rural villages in Borneo have limited opportunities to generate income sustainably. Learn about the challenges this community faces and how they are tackling the problem head-on - then roll up your sleeves and get stuck in.

The infrastructure here needs developing - lend a hand with clearing and maintaining trails. To make the biggest impact, you'll need to learn new skills and take your lead from the locals.

Dive deeper into community life with a football match and watch a local dance performance. Pick wild fern,



then learn how to transform it into a delicious meal using traditional bamboo cooking.

This is a side of Borneo that few tourists see. Grab this opportunity to connect with the locals and learn about their lives.

## SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

CONTRIBUTE TO AN INITIATIVE THAT HELPS COMMUNITIES TO BECOME RESILIENT, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE.

# DAY 10

## ○ HEAD TO KUCHING

Sleep: Hostel

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Travel: Transfer 1.5hrs to Kuching

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After a rewarding stay in Serian, it's time to travel back to Kuching. The journey offers one last look at Sarawak's lush landscapes and quiet village life.

Arriving in Kuching, you'll return to the buzz of city life, with its mix of colonial charm and modern energy. Once you've checked in and freshened up, take some time to relax or stroll along the scenic waterfront promenade.

Watch boats drift along the Sarawak River and enjoy the sunset over the city. Reflect on your rural adventures and get ready to explore everything this lively capital has to offer.



## LEARN THE LINGO

GREET LOCALS WITH 'SELAMAT PAGI' IN THE MORNING, AND 'SELAMAT PETANG' AFTER LUNCH.

# DAY 11

## ● KUBAH NATIONAL PARK TREK

Sleep: Hostel

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Travel: Transfer 40mins to Kubah, transfer 40mins to Kuching

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Day treks: 1 day

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Trek difficulty: ●●●●●

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Boots on, time to trek. Travel to Kubah National Park, a lush forest with sparkling waterfalls, sandstone mountains and hiking trails.

Work as a team to make sure everyone stays hydrated in the humidity, and take care as you clamber over huge buttress tree roots. Listen for bearded pigs, mouse deer and giant squirrels as you trek. Look for woodpeckers, kingfishers and flying frogs.

To learn more about Borneo's endangered wildlife, visit the Matang Wildlife Centre.

Then head back to Kuching to grab dinner and a well-earned good night's rest



### FROGTASTIC

THERE ARE 61 SPECIES OF FROG AND TOAD IN KUBAH. THESE INCLUDE FLYING FROGS, WHICH HAVE WEBBED TOES TO FLY BETWEEN TREES.

# DAYS 12-13

## 🕒 EXPLORE THE CITY

Sleep: Hostel

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Over the next three days, dive into the culture, flavours, and sights of Kuching. Visit local markets brimming with spices, textiles, and handmade crafts. Discover the city's rich cultural heritage at the Borneo Cultures Museum or walk through Chinatown's colourful streets.

You could join a cooking class to learn how to make traditional Sarawak dishes or visit local galleries and cafes showcasing Indigenous art.

Or choose to cruise the river, spotting wildlife and city landmarks along the

way. Don't miss trying Sarawak laksa or kek lapis, two of the city's most beloved dishes. However you choose to spend your time, Kuching offers a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation before your journey comes to an end.

### BE INSPIRED

AS YOUR TRIP WRAPS UP, IT'S TIME TO LOOK FORWARD. DRAW ON EVERYTHING YOU'VE LEARNT AND PLAN YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

# DAY 14

## ☀️ TRAVEL HOME FROM KUCHING

After the best two weeks of your life, it's time to travel home. Cram everything into your backpack and head to the airport.

Check in, sit back and let it all sink in. You've just experienced something incredible. Borneo has opened your eyes and challenged you more than you ever imagined. You've fast-tracked

your life skills and connected with locals; you've led your team and made new friends for life.

These experiences will shape who you are and put you on the path to becoming a true global citizen. Prepare to return home forever changed.

# WE CARE ABOUT EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES.

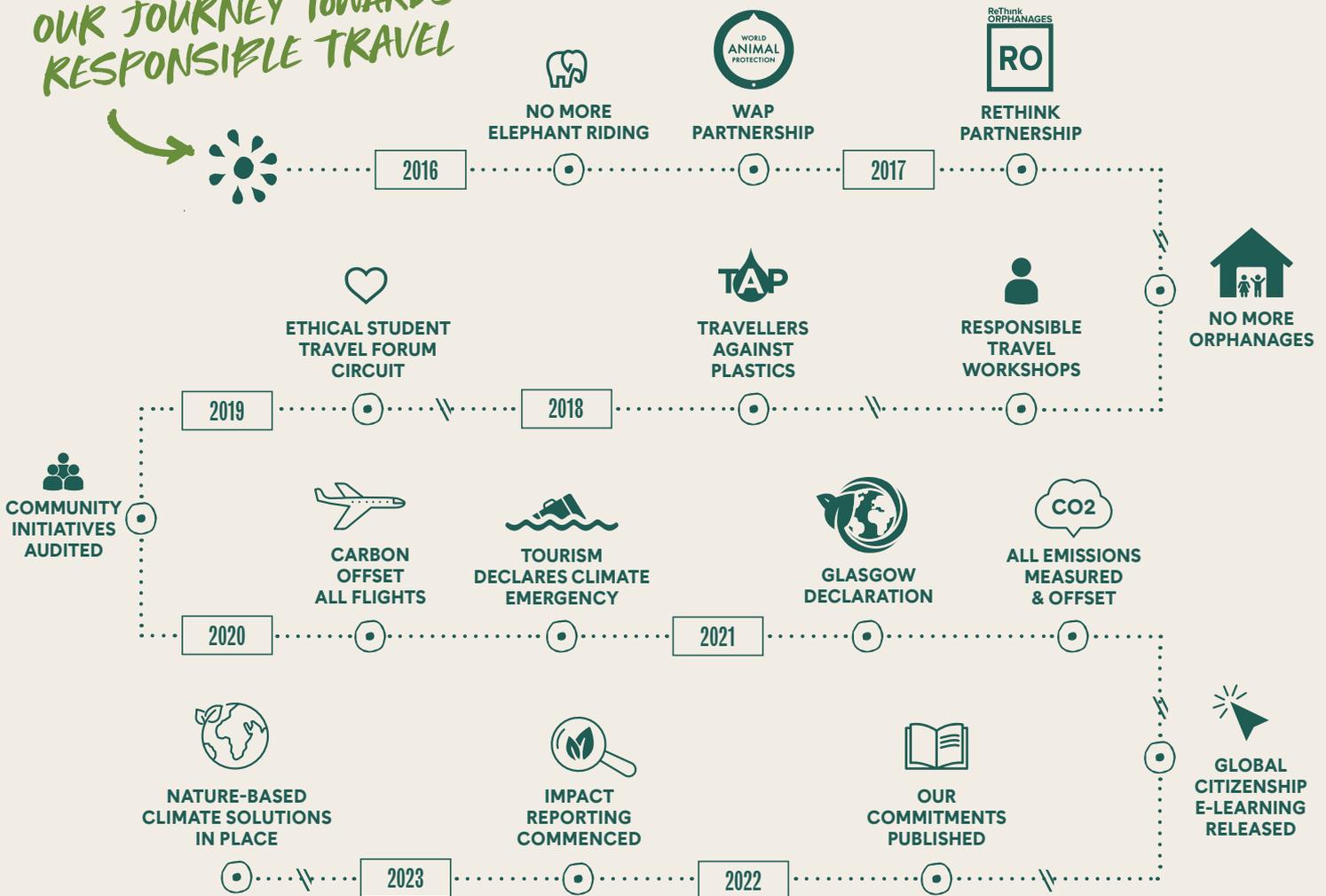
- ✓ Students will gain a **greater understanding of how to act for a more sustainable future**, at both local and global levels.
- ✓ Students will be **empowered to build on their self-care strategies**, enhancing their physical and mental wellbeing.
- ✓ Students will be immersed in different cultures and experiences, **growing to understand their role within our global community**.
- ✓ Students will experience and reflect on the power of being pushed outside of their comfort zone, allowing the **development of initiative, confidence, and resilience**.
- ✓ Students will be **challenged to think critically about topical issues** that affect our past, present and future around the world.
- ✓ Students will **build a deeper connection to their own identity and personal values**, developing their independence and sense of self.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



## OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL





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