

WAY OUT EXPERIENCES

Programme Details



Programme Code	ZWS14
Programme Name	Malaysia Orangutan & Wildlife Experience
Introduction	<p>Malaysian zoos have the potential to become world-class zoos. Join us in helping them achieve this dream. Work alongside zoo keepers to provide a better environment for the animals, experience what it is like to care for over 5,000 animals and learn about the animals in a controlled environment that allows for closer observation.</p> <p>Armed with this intimate knowledge on the animals, you will then be transported to a completely different environment, living with the local people and waking up to the calls of the wild.</p> <p>Along the mighty river of Kinabatangan, through the early mist of the rainforest, spot mother orang-utans teaching their babies to swing through the trees, see silver leaf monkeys grooming their bright orange young, colourful birds soaring through the sky.</p> <p>Join the government and NGOs to reforest the homes of the orang-utans, pygmy elephants and a host of other endangered animals. Help collect data on the endemic and endangered animals and make a personal impact in conservation of one of the world's most important rainforest ecosystem.</p>
Programme Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improve conditions of various animals in captivity through creating environment and food enrichment;- Understand and compare situation of captive animals and those with threatened habitats;- Carry out habitat restoration at the Lower Kinabatangan floodplains where flora and fauna are abundant but threatened by diminishing habitat;- Conduct wildlife population density data gathering under the auspices of the Sabah Government;- Observe and appreciate the orang-utans, pygmy elephants and other endangered species, understand their life cycles and the intricate biodiversity roles;- Understand the threats to the habitat and the wildlife and to make a personal impact, bringing positive change;- Raise awareness on responsible living and travelling among tourists, local community and students.

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Project Site	Malaysian Zoo and Sandakan, Sabah																								
Duration	14 days																								
Start Date	22 nd of the month																								
End Date	4 th or 5 th of the month																								
Available Placement Months	<p>YEAR 2010</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>January</td> <td></td> <td>May</td> <td></td> <td>September</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>February</td> <td>X</td> <td>June</td> <td></td> <td>October</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>March</td> <td>X</td> <td>July</td> <td></td> <td>November</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>April</td> <td>X</td> <td>August</td> <td></td> <td>December</td> </tr> </table>		January		May		September		February	X	June		October		March	X	July		November		April	X	August		December
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Suggested internal flight	Air Asia: AK 5162: 1715/2000 LCCT/SDK Malaysian Airlines : MH 2706 1525/1810 KLIA/SDK																								

Accommodation Details	<p>Kuala Lumpur : Room-sharing with other participants in guesthouse</p> <p>Zoo Malaysia: Room-sharing with other participants in volunteer's accommodation.</p> <p>Project Site: Room-sharing with other participants. Cold water showers</p>
Itinerary	<p><u>Day 1</u> (D) Arrive Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KUL) and transfer to city centre dormitory. Welcome dinner & introduction to programme.</p> <p>Suggested arrival time: before 1500 hours. Customs and immigration clearance takes approximately 1 – 1.5 hours and the journey into Kuala Lumpur is approximately another 1 – 1.5 hours.</p> <p><u>Day 2</u> (meal allowance provided) Transfer to Zoo Accommodation and introduction to Zoo environment and job scopes</p> <p><u>Day 3 – 6</u> (meal allowance provided) PROJECT DAYS – Work at the zoo alongside zoo keepers to do husbandry and enrichment work to improve the living conditions</p>



	<p>and stimulate natural behaviours in captive animals.</p> <p><u>Day 7</u> (B, D) Transfer from Zoo to airport for flight to Sandakan. Suggest to book Air Asia / Malaysia Airlines flight after 1500.</p> <p>Arrive Sandakan Airport (SDK) and transfer to Project Site. Note: transfer pick up will be from the Sandakan Airport arrival hall. Group pick up will be at 2030 hours on Day 7. If you arrive on an earlier flight, you may visit Sandakan town and meet us at the airport by 2020 hours. Lunch on your own.</p> <p>Introduction to site and project activities.</p> <p><u>Day 8 – Day 12</u> (B, L, D) PROJECT DAYS – participants will contribute towards conservation via habitat restoration and community development. Some of the possible activities include: Wildlife Population Density Data Collection, Habitat Restoration, Community Interaction.</p> <p><u>Day 13</u> (B, L) Depart from project site by land to Sepilok Orang-utan Rehabilitation Centre and visit Rainforest Discovery Center. After lunch, visit Sepilok Rehabilitation Center for afternoon feeding session. Check into dormitory accommodation.</p> <p><u>Day 14</u> (B) Check out and transfer to Sandakan Airport.</p> <p>Note: Changes to the activities will occur subject to weather conditions, school calendar, community and project requirements. Some or all of the above activities may or may not be included on your itinerary. Other conservation activities not mentioned above may also be included on your itinerary subject to weather conditions, community and project requirements</p>
<p>Inclusions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group meet and greet at dormitory in Kuala Lumpur; - Group meet and greet at Sandakan Airport in Sabah, Malaysia; - 13 nights at designated accommodation; - All facilities and equipment for work at the zoo; - English speaking facilitator; - All activities included in “Project Days”; - All overland and river transfers as per itinerary; - All meals as per itinerary;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Entrance fees to Rainforest Discovery Centre and Sepilok;- Conservation Contribution.
Not Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Airfare, visa application, camera fees, insurance, individual transfers and any items not stated in the list above.
Other info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Human diseases can be passed on easily to certain animals. Individuals who are sick must inform the facilitator to prevent untoward incidents.