

BORNEO RHINO

CHALLENGE



CYCLE,
TREK,
& QUEST
FOR THE
**SUMATRAN
RHINO**
OF BORNEO



- Trek Mount Kinabalu
- Cycle Along Kudat Peninsula
- Search for the elusive Sumatran Rhino of Borneo

In 2005, join SOS Rhino and Save the Rhino International in Borneo to help raise funds for their conservation efforts to bring the Sumatran Rhino of Borneo back from the brink of extinction.

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Climb to the summit of Mt. Kinabalu, cycle 'round the Kudat Peninsula at the northern tip of Borneo, and help us search for the elusive Sumatran rhinoceros of Borneo. You'll see an astonishing variety of rare and endemic plants, primates, and birds during your trek and cycle along white, sandy beaches in some of the most beautiful areas of Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. As part of the challenge you will join SOS Rhino's field staff deep in the jungles of Tabin Wildlife Reserve, in search of the last remaining small, shy forest rhinos of Malaysian Borneo.

You and approximately 20 team-mates from the UK and US and support crews for the climb and cycle. There will be guides, rangers and medical and mechanical support close by at all times. Most meals are included.

Participants must be fit, healthy, and prepared to work hard. You will be rewarded after the cycle and before the quest with a trip to Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary and rhino breeding center. There you will see orangutans and have a personal meeting with the rhinos you will be searching for in the reserve.

I T I N E R A R Y

Days 1 & 2

Depart US & UK to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. Relax, prepare for first part of trek.

DAY 3

Transfer to Mt. Kinabalu National Park Headquarters at 5000 feet, where you will spend the night and prepare for the first part of your trek to the summit of Mt. Kinabalu at 13,422 feet. Visit the mountain garden, and see a slide show on the wonders of Mt. Kinabalu National Park

DAY 4

You will be transferred to Timpohon Gate where a 4- hour, trek to the Laban Rata Resthouse at 10,998 feet begins. Upon your arrival you will then rest to prepare for your climb to the summit at 13,422 feet. Laban Rata Resthouse overlooks the Dusun Mountain community.

DAY 5

At 2.30am, you will have to prepare yourself to commence your climb with the Mt. Guide to the summit, to a panoramic view of sunrise over the sweeping jungle canopy. The trek to the summit will take between 2 and 4 hours depending on the fitness of the individual.

DAY 6

You will depart Kinabalu National Park to Kudat Peninsula. Then start mountain biking challenge to the Borneo Northern tip. Distance covered will be roughly about 60 miles. Lunch will be served at the white sandy beaches of Kudat.

DAY 7

You will be transferred to Tinangol Village to visit Rungus longhouses. Then you will start another day of mountain biking challenge through off-road; up and downhill terrains to cover a distance about 25 miles. The rough terrain make it a real challenge. Then back to Kota Kinabalu

DAY 8

Transfer to Kota Kinabalu International Airport for a 50 - minute flight to Sandakan. Upon arrival, you will immediately proceed to the internationally renowned Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary and rhino breeding center.

DAY 9

Proceed overland to Lahad Datu and Tabin Wildlife Reserve and shop for supplies for your trek through the jungle with SOS Rhino Borneo field staff to search for signs of the Sumatran Rhino. To prepare you for this trek, you will spend the afternoon learning about the rhino and recording the signs they leave behind using the latest technology. Visit the Lipad mud volcano known to be frequented by deer, wild boars, elephants and birds. Look out for and identify footprints of animals that frequent the area. You will also be taught the ins and outs of jungle living. In the evening enjoy a slide presentation.

DAY 10

Trek through the jungle (rugged terrain) with SOS Rhino Borneo field staff to search for signs of Sumatran Rhino, and pin point their location using GPS. You will have the opportunity to gather food from the forest if you wish. Overnight in the forest on hammocks.

DAY 11

Trek out next day to SOS Rhino base camp and stay overnight at Tabin Wildlife Resort.

DAY 12

Drive back to Lahad Datu and proceed to airport for the flight to Kota Kinabalu overnight.

DAY 13

Proceed to KK airport for plane ride home.



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