

7 Night Itinerary

The Great Orangutan Project

Day 1 - The Adventure Begins

After arriving at Kuching Airport in Malaysian Borneo, you will be met at arrivals by a project representative and transferred to your first night's accommodation. You will be staying at a local guesthouse where, in the evening, you and the rest of your group will enjoy a welcome dinner and briefing on the week ahead.

Day 2 - Matang Wildlife Centre

After breakfast, you will take a 45-minute private transfer to Matang Wildlife Centre, which will be your home for the duration of the project. You will be staying right in the heart of this animal sanctuary, and upon arrival, you will receive a tour of the centre, meeting all the resident animals as you go! Then, after unpacking and enjoying lunch, you will spend the afternoon taking part in an activity designed to improve the lives of the centre's resident orangutans, such as husbandry or enrichment.

Days 3-4 - Orangutan Activities

Over the next couple of days, you will continue to focus on orangutan activities, particularly creating enrichment for these apes. Enrichment is the process of providing the orangutans with stimulating activities designed to promote their natural instincts and behaviours, ultimately heightening their chances for release, and importantly, making their time at the centre as positive as possible. The centre has used a wide range of enrichment, from puzzle feeders to bubbles, but they are always open to new ideas, so this is a great opportunity to put your creativity to use!



Day 5 - Visit To Semenggoh Wildlife Centre

Today, your morning will be spent working with the centre's resident sun bears, which is a great opportunity to get to know another of Borneo's incredible wildlife species. After lunch, you will take a short transfer to the Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, the regions first-ever orangutan rehabilitation centre and home to a number of these semi-wild great apes. Here you will meet many more incredible characters as they approach feeding platforms for their afternoon meal!

Day 6 - Orangutan Activities

Today will once again be spent working on orangutan activities. As the centre is expanding to allow for more rescued orangutans, you may take part in a small construction task, helping to build new enclosures, or perhaps even climbing frames for the orangutans that will one day call this wildlife centre home.

Day 7 - Waterfall Trek

With the week drawing to a close, you will spend one final morning creating enrichment for the orangutans and have some final photo opportunities. After lunch, you will head out on a short jungle trek to see the local flora and fauna before arriving at a waterfall, where you can take a swim or just relax in this picturesque rainforest environment. At the end of the day, you will transfer back to the original guesthouse for a warm shower and a farewell dinner with your group and the project facilitators.

Day 8 - Departure Day

Unfortunately, your final day has arrived. Bid farewell to your fellow volunteers and the project facilitators before departing the guesthouse. Departure airport transfers are not included but the team will be happy to assist you with booking these.

