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# Sukau Rainforest Lodge

## Fact Sheet

Built in 1995, Sukau Rainforest Lodge (SRL) is perched on the banks of the famous Kinabatangan River in Borneo, one of Asia's most important waterways. The lodge was the first in the area designed based on ecotourism principles and offers its guests a delightfully exceptional experience in the heart of the rainforest.

Branded as one of National Geographic's Unique Lodges of the World since 2015, Sukau Rainforest Lodge provides a truly remarkable wildlife and nature experience, while preserving the environment of the Kinabatangan flood plain. The lodge also embraces conservation, community development and sustainable tourism as part of its green policies. Holding true to its ecolodge ethos, the lodge received the Travelife Gold Certification for being a sustainable accommodation.



### AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

- Boutique Hotel Awards 2019 – Asia's Most Eco-friendly Hotel
- Travelife Gold Certification (2018)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Tourism Awards 2014/2015 – Best Hotel Services (3 Star & Below) (2016)
- PATA Tourism InSPIRE Awards 2015 – Best Independent Accommodation (2015)
- TripAdvisor Hall of Fame (Five-Time Winner of the Certificate of Excellence from 2011-2015)
- Charter Member of National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World (2015)
- Sabah Tourism Awards 2013 – Winner/Best Nature Lodge (2013)
- Wild Asia Responsible Tourism Awards 2013 – Finalist/Most Inspiring Responsible Tourism Accommodation Provider (2013)
- 17<sup>th</sup> World Travel Awards 2010 – Winner/Asia's Leading Green Hotel (2010)
- 16<sup>th</sup> World Travel Awards – Finalist/Asia's Leading Green Hotel and World's Leading Eco Lodges (2009)
- National Geography Adventure's 2009 Magazine (2009)
- 15<sup>th</sup> World Travel Awards – Finalist/Asia's Leading Green Hotel and World's Leading Eco Lodges (2008)
- ECOCLUB.com Ecolodge Awards 2006 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner (2006)
- IH&RA Green Hotelier Awards 1999 – 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up (1999)
- British Airways Tourism for Tomorrow Award 1997 – Winner, Best Lodge/Pacific Region (1997)



### CLIMATE

- Tropical climate: Average 29-33 degree Celcius day, 24-25 degree Celcius night
- Humidity 84%
- November - February : Wet season
- April - October : Dry season

### ROOMS & FACILITIES

- Borneo Villas (**20 units**)
- Superior Rooms (**20 units**)
- En-suite bathroom
- Melapi Restaurant
- Gomantong Hall (Meeting hall)
- Gecko Lounge & Bar
- Kadai (Souvenir shop)
- Attenborough & Hornbill boardwalk
- Dip Pool
- Ape Gallery (Information gallery)
- Halia Spa
- Free Wi-Fi access at Melapi Restaurant, Gomantong Hall and Gecko Lounge
- Sundeck
- Smoking hut
- Safe deposit box

### GETTING HERE

- Nearest airport : Sandakan Airport
- 2 hours overland from Sandakan to the lodge
- 2.5 hours via speedboat from Sandakan to the lodge

### RECOMMENDED MINIMUM STAY

- 2 nights
- Popular Tour: BB7D 3 Days 2 Nights– **KINABATANGAN WILDLIFE SAFARI**

### TYPE OF GUEST

- Families
- Honeymooners/Couples
- Solo travelers
- Birders
- Naturalists
- Photographers

### BORNEO VILLA FEATURES

- 19.6ft x 17.7ft per room
- En-suite bathrooms with shower
- Sarong x 2
- Wake-up call service
- Iron and ironing board (upon request)
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Twin beds/ Queen-size bed
- House-keeping service
- Study desk
- Air-conditioning
- Towels
- Safety box
- Ceiling fan
- Hair dryer
- Private balcony
- Mini bar with complimentary drinks
- Room amenities
- Additional mattress available (chargeable)

### SUPERIOR ROOM FEATURES

- 11.1ft x 29.8ft per room
- En-suite bathrooms with shower
- Balcony
- Iron and ironing board (upon request)
- Wake-up call service
- House-keeping service
- Room amenities
- Sarong x 2
- Air-conditioning
- Towels
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Solar-heated hot shower
- Hair dryer
- Study desk
- Ceiling fan
- Twin beds / Queen-size bed
- Additional mattress available (chargeable)

### GREEN & SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

- Energy saving LED lightbulbs
- Energy saving inverter air-conditioners
- Use only bamboo straws
- Solar heaters for hot water supply at Superior Rooms
- In-house generators
- Recycled cooking oil to light lamps at night
- Rainwater is harvested, filtered and chlorinated
- Dual flush toilet
- Recycle bins
- No TV or radio
- River boats are equipped with outboard engines and electric motors to minimize noise and pollution (used only when wildlife is spotted)
- Follow 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals principles

### WILDLIFE FOUND IN KINABATANGAN

- More than 300 Borneo Pygmy elephants
- Over 800 Orangutans and 1,500 Proboscis monkey
- More than 1,000 Crocodiles
- 50 other species of mammals
- 20 other species of reptiles
- 1,026 species of plants

### F&B

- Free flow Coffee and Tea
- Asian & Western fusion breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Variety of mocktails and alcoholic drinks (cocktails, wine and beer)

### BIRDLIFE

- More than 325 species sighted

### WHY CHOOSE SRL

- Charter member of National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World
- Certified with the TravelLife Gold Certificate
- Multi- international award winner
- Benefits local communities (SRL donate RM4 to BEST Society for every international guest staying there)
- Service with a smile
- 100% Money back guarantee
- Exotic rainforest view
- Hosted famous people such as Dame Judi Dench and Sir David Attenborough

### OTHER INTERESTING PLACES

- Gomantong Caves
- Rasig Wildlife Trek
- Sukau Village visit
- Sandakan:
  - \* Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre
  - \* Labuk Bay Proboscis Monkey Sanctuary
  - \* Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre
  - \* Rainforest Discovery Centre

### GIVING BACK

- Every year, part of our profit goes to BEST Society, our Non-Profit organization arm that is responsible for all our community and environmental work. On top of that, our international guests who stay with us also contribute directly to the cause.

### LIST OF OUR COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

1. Hornbill Bird Nest Box Project (2018-Present)
2. Borneo Land Conservation initiative (2017-Present)
3. Kinabatangan Bee Farming (2014-)
4. Tree planting & environmental education with Environmental Action committee (EAC) Kinabatangan and Sukau primary school (2011)
5. Environmental awareness with Sukau primary school (2010)
6. Tree planting project along the lower Kinabatangan River (2009)
7. Kinabatangan Wildlife Corridor Rehabilitation Program (KWICORP) (2000)
8. Nursing wildlife and birds (1997-Present)
9. Weed Clearing at Kelenanap Oxbow Lake (1996)

### SUKAU ECOTOURISM RESEARCH CENTRE (SNIPPET)



Sukau Ecotourism Research Centre (SERC) is established with the aim to advocate and promote responsible and sustainable practices in businesses and communities around Kinabatangan through the researches that it facilitates.

SERC also provides an alternative for budget travellers and nature lovers to experience the wildlife and nature scenes in Kinabatangan and is equipped with basic amenities for a comfortable stay in the jungle.

GETTING HERE FROM SANDAKAN OVERLAND & BY BOAT



Here at Sukau Rainforest Lodge, taking photos with the wildlife is welcomed, but please take note of the Wildlife Selfie Code which we are also practising. So make sure that your wildlife selfies are cruelty-free

**DO** Take a wildlife selfie if:

- You keep a safe distance from the wildlife
- The wildlife is in its natural home
- The wildlife is free to move, and not captive

Take a wildlife selfie if:

- The wildlife is being held, hugged or restrained
- You're battling the wildlife with food
- The wildlife could harm you

**DON'T**

**IMPACTING THE WORLD TOGETHER**  
GIVING BACK WHILE YOU TRAVEL

Whenever you choose to travel with Borneo Eco Tours and stay at Sukau Rainforest Lodge, you are not just choosing a holiday in Borneo. You will be part of something much greater as your travel will help fund our community and social projects in Malaysian Borneo through our non-profit organisation, BEST Society

**HOW?**

- Every International adult guest who purchase a Sukau Rainforest Lodge package will contribute **RM20** to Conservation Contribution.
- On top of that, **Borneo Eco Tours** and **Sukau Rainforest Lodge** will also contribute **RM8** and **RM4** respectively to BEST Society.
- Indirectly, **you are helping to fund a total of RM32 contribution** for conservation and at the same time, playing your part in the offsetting of carbon footprint.



Since the year 1996, BEST Society has received donation from individual donors and corporations amounting to **RM 2,979,032.27**. As of 2017, Borneo Eco Tours have contributed **RM 1,185,642** and Sukau Rainforest Lodge with **RM 672,749.08** out of the total amount

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