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. SRL was the first lodge in the area designed based on ecotourism principles and offers its guests a delightful and exceptional experience in the heart of the rainforest. Now with its 20 new units of Borneo Villas, guests will be able to savour the great wilderness decorated with wildlife sightings in luxury and comfort.

Branded as a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World since 2015, SRL provides a truly remarkable wildlife experience, while preserving the environments of the Kinabatangan flood plains. The lodge also embraces conservation, community development and sustainable tourism as part of its green policies, and for holding true to its ecodge ethos, Sukau Rainforest Lodge has received a Travelife Gold Certification for being a sustainable accommodation.

At 560km, Kinabatangan River is the longest river in Sabah, and second in Malaysia. The flood-plain of the Kinabatangan is one of the most exceptional areas in eastern Malaysia. The Lower Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary is known to have among the highest concentration of wildlife in Borneo.

Awards / Recognitions

- Travelife Gold Certification 2018 - 2020
- 19th Malaysia Tourism Awards 2014/2015 – Best Hotel Services (3 Star & Below)
- PATA Tourism InSPiRe Awards 2015 – Best Independent Accommodation
- TripAdvisor Hall of Fame (Fivetime Winner of the Certificate of Excellence from 2011-2015)
- Charter Member of National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World
- Sabah Tourism Awards 2013 – Winner/Best Nature Lodge
- Wild Asia Responsible Tourism Awards 2013 – Finalist/Most Inspiring Responsible Tourism Accommodation Provider
- 17th World Travel Awards 2010 – Winner/Asia’s Leading Green Hotel
- 16th World Travel Awards – Finalist/Asia’s Leading Green Hotel and World’s Leading Eco Lodges
- National Geographic Adventure’s 2009 Magazine
- 15th World Travel Awards – Finalist/Asia’s Leading Green Hotel and World’s Leading Eco Lodges
- ECOCLUB.com Ecolodge Awards 2006 – 3rd Prize Winner
- IH&RA Green Hotelier Awards 1999 – 1st Runner-up
- British Airways Tourism for Tomorrow Award 1997 – Winner, Best Lodge/Pacific Region

Climate

- Tropical climate: Average 29-33 degree Celsius day, 24-25 degree Celsius night
- Humidity: 84%
- October – February: Wet season
- March – September: Dry season

Number of Rooms

- 20 new Borneo Villas (built 2016-2017)
- 20 Superior Rooms

Recommended Minimum Stay

- 2 Nights
- Popular Tour: BB7D 3 Days 2 Nights
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Rooms & Facilities

- Borneo Villas
- Superior Rooms
- En-suite bathroom
- Molepi Restaurant
- Gomantong Hall (Meeting hall)
- Gecko Lounge & Bar
- Kadai (Souvenir shop)
- Attenborough & Hornbill boardwalk
- Dip Pools
- Ape Gallery (information gallery)
- Halo Spa
- Sundek
- Smoking hut
- Safe deposit box
- Wheelchair and wheelchair accessible rooms are available
- Free Wi-Fi available in public areas

Getting Here

- Nearest airport: Sandakan International Airport (Code: SDK)
- 2 hours overland from Sandakan to the lodge
- 2.5 hours via speedboat from Sandakan to the lodge

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
- Solar-heated hot 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)

Green & Sustainable Practices

- Energy saving LED light bulbs
- Energy saving inverter air-conditioners
- Solar heaters for hot water supply
- In-house generators
- Recycled cooking oil to light lamps at night
- Rainwater is harvested, filtered and chlorinated for external use
- Dual flush toilet
- Recycle bins
- No TV or radio
- River boats are equipped with outboard engines and electric motors to minimize noise and pollution
- Follow 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals principles

Why Choose SRL

- Charter member of National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World
- Certified with the Travelife Gold Certificate
- Multi-international award winner
- Benefits local communities (SRL donate RM4 to BEST Society for every international guests staying there)
- Service with a smile
- 100% Money back guarantee
- Exotic Rainforest View

Other Interesting Places

- Gomantong Cave
- 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

Superior Room Features

- 27ft x 10.7ft per room
- En-suite bathrooms with shower
- 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)

Wildlife Found in Kinabatangan

- More than 900 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 (cocksails, wine and beer)

Birdlife

- More than 325 species sighted

Here’s a list of our community and environmental projects:

1. Borneo Land Conservation initiative (2017-Present)
2. Kinabatangan Bee Farming (2014-Present)
3. Tree planting & environmental education with Environmental Action committee (EAC) Kinabatangan and Sukau primary school (2011)
4. Environmental awareness with Sukau primary school (2010)
5. Tree planting project along the lower Kinabatangan River (2009)
7. Nursing wildlife and birds (1997-Present)
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 practicing. 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

**DON’T**

Take a wildlife selfie if:
- The wildlife is being held, hugged, or restrained
- You’re baiting the wildlife with food
- The wildlife could harm you

 IMPACTING THE WORLD TOGETHER

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.

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Since the year 1995, BEST Society has received donation from individual donors and corporations amounting to **RM 2,316,702.76**. As of 2017, Borneo Eco Tours have contributed **RM 857,185** and Sukau Rainforest Lodge with **RM 602,643.08** out of the total amount.

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