

# BORNEO WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR







This Borneo wildlife photography tour is a deep dive into one of the planet's richest ecosystems, crafted for photographers who thrive on immersive, slow-paced exploration.

Over 12 days, you'll be surrounded by ancient rainforest, rare and charismatic species, and the kind of light that transforms a good image into a great one. Whether you're capturing expressive primate portraits, dramatic jungle textures, or fleeting moments of birdlife in motion, the tour is designed to maximize creative opportunity while minimizing logistical stress.

With expert guidance and a small group format, you'll have the time, space, and support to refine your craft in a setting that rewards patience and curiosity.

It's not about ticking off sightings; it's about slowing down, observing behavior, and building a portfolio that reflects both technical skill and emotional resonance. Whether you're a seasoned wildlife photographer or an enthusiastic learner, you'll leave with more than just images.



## HIGHLIGHTS

Borneo is one of the last great strongholds of tropical biodiversity, a lush, ancient island where mist-shrouded rainforests pulse with life and evolutionary wonder. This tour takes you deep into Sabah, the Malaysian part of Borneo, where lowland jungles, winding rivers, and towering dipterocarp trees create a dramatic backdrop for wildlife encounters.

The region is home to some of the world's most iconic and endangered species, including orangutans, pygmy elephants, proboscis monkeys, and clouded leopards. With its mix of protected reserves, mangrove forests, and canopy walkways, Borneo offers photographers rare access to habitats that are both ecologically rich and visually stunning.

From the golden light filtering through Danum Valley's ancient trees to the eerie beauty of Gomantong Caves, every location on this itinerary reveals a different facet of Borneo's wild character. The Kinabatangan River, one of Southeast Asia's most wildlife-dense corridors, offers intimate boat-based viewing, while Tabin's mineral springs and mud volcanoes attract a wide range of species. Even the quieter moments - listening to gibbons call at dawn or watching hornbills glide overhead - are steeped in atmosphere. This is a destination where nature feels close, raw, and deeply alive, making it a dream setting for photographers who seek both visual drama and authentic connection.





## YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE:

At Penda, we collaborate with only the best professional photographic guides, chosen for their expertise, teaching ability, and commitment to your experience. They prioritise creating exceptional photographic opportunities and adapt their guidance to suit your individual skills and goals, whether you're a beginner or a seasoned photographer.

For full details about the specific guide leading this tour, please visit the [tour page](#) on our website.



## ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

During your photo tour in Borneo, you'll stay in a handpicked selection of lodges and hotels that blend comfort with proximity to nature, ensuring you're always close to the action. Whether nestled deep in the rainforest or located on the edge of a wildlife reserve, these accommodations provide a comfortable base from which to explore and photograph Borneo's incredible biodiversity. Expect well-appointed rooms, hearty local cuisine, and warm hospitality, all set within or near prime wildlife habitats, allowing for immersive nature experiences from dawn till dusk.

From the lush jungles of Sepilok and Danum Valley to the riverbanks of Kinabatangan and the remote wilderness of Tabin, each location offers unique opportunities to encounter Borneo's iconic wildlife, including orangutans, pygmy elephants, and a dazzling array of birdlife. The journey concludes with a stay in a modern, well-equipped hotel in Kota Kinabalu, offering a chance to relax and reflect on your photographic adventures. Across all destinations, your accommodation is designed to complement the natural environment while providing the amenities needed to recharge after full days in the field.







## HEALTH & FITNESS LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

This tour is designed to be accessible to most travelers with a moderate level of fitness. While the focus is on photography rather than strenuous trekking, participants should be comfortable walking on uneven terrain, navigating forest trails, and climbing steps or boardwalks in humid conditions.

Activities may include short hikes, boat rides, and time spent outdoors in warm, tropical weather, often with early starts and extended periods of wildlife observation. A reasonable level of mobility and stamina will help ensure you get the most out of the experience, but no extreme fitness is required - just a spirit of adventure and a readiness to embrace nature at its wildest.



## PRICE

**For up-to-date information on dates, rates, and availability, please visit our website**

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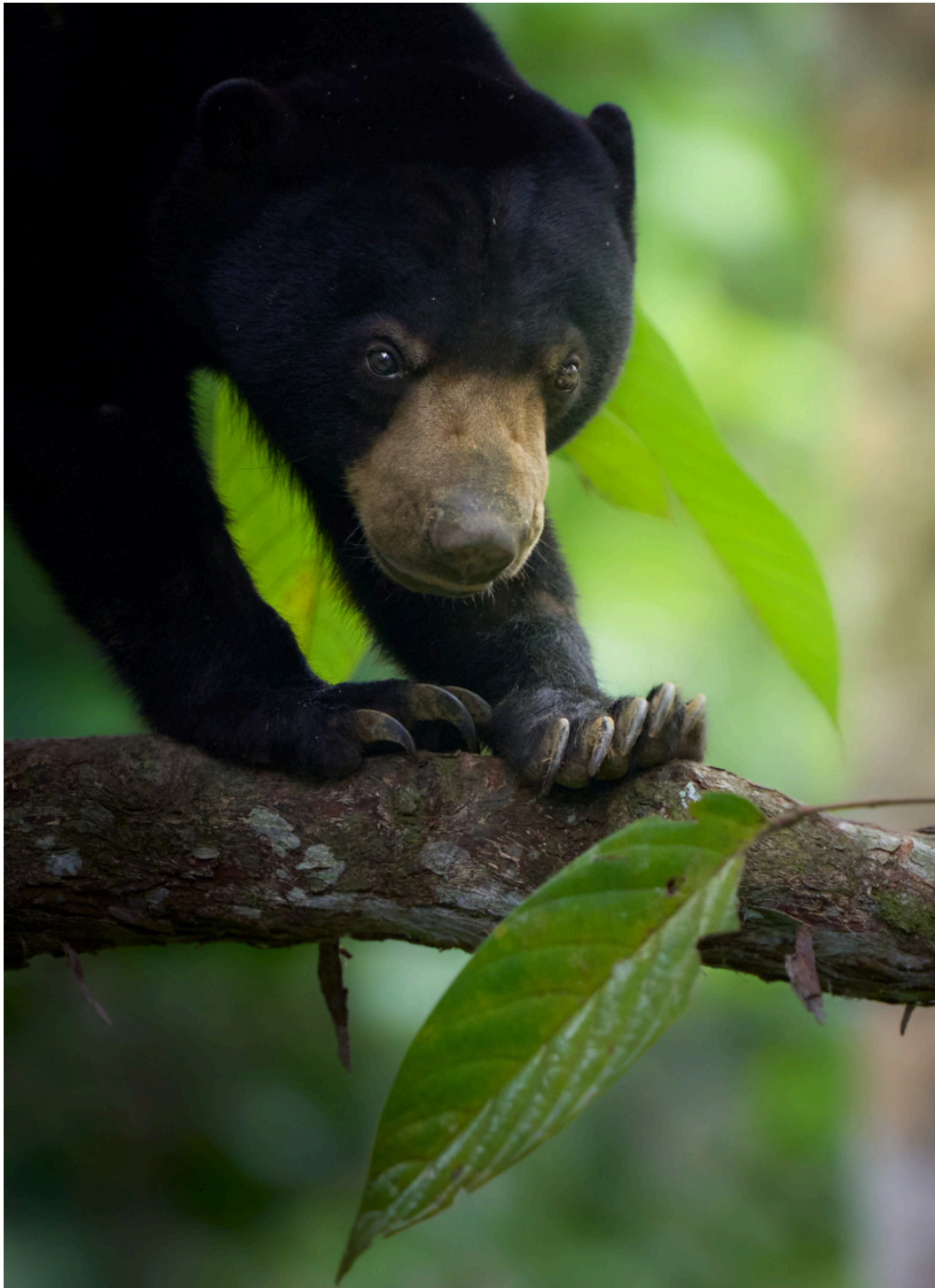
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Internal flights
- Airport transfers
- All transport and entrance fees
- Photographic tutoring

Excluded:

- International flights
- Travel insurance







## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

We recommend the following equipment. If you'd like to discuss your specific gear, just reach out, and we'll be happy to advise.

### Recommended Camera Gear:

- DSLR or mirrorless camera
- Range of lenses; ideally ranging from wide angle for landscape to telephoto for wildlife
- Tripod (useful)
- Sturdy camera bag
- Enough spare batteries and memory cards (you'll be able to charge your batteries at our accommodation)
- Hard drive and a laptop / external drive
- Laptop with editing software

### Essential Travel Gear:

- Lightweight, breathable clothing for humid conditions (long sleeves and trousers for insect protection)
- Light rain jacket or poncho – quick rain showers are common
- Comfortable walking shoes or lightweight hiking boots with good grip
- Headlamp or flashlight for night walks and lodge use
- Insect repellent and sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses)
- Dry bags or waterproof covers for camera gear and electronics
- Binoculars (optional, but useful for spotting birds and arboreal wildlife)
- Power adapter – Malaysia uses Type G sockets (UK-style, 240V)



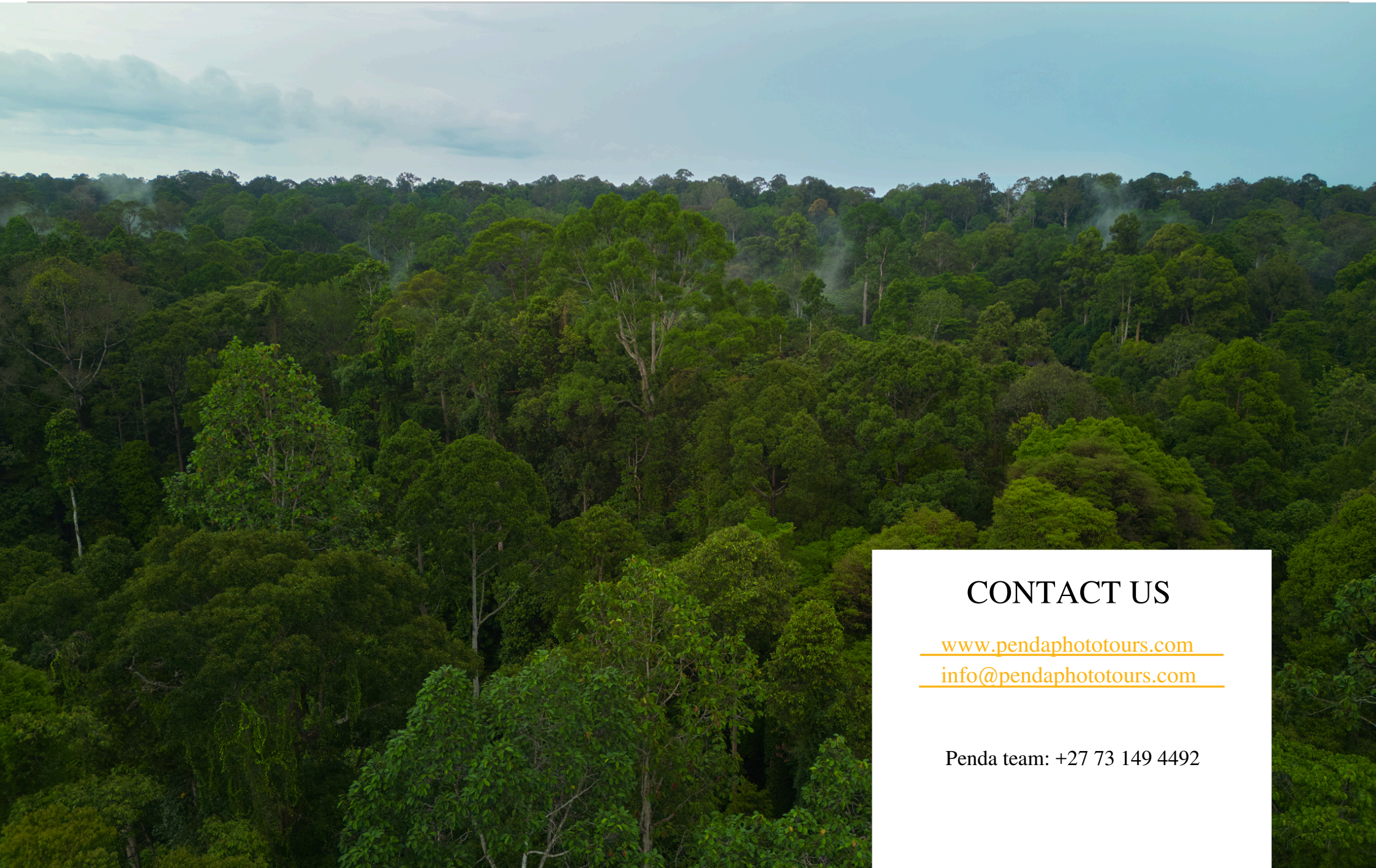
## WHY PENDA

Everything is built around photography.

- Our photography tours are created by photographers, for photographers. Our itineraries are designed around creating the best possible photographic opportunities. We'll make sure to bring you to the right place, at the right moment.
- We're travel experts. We love travel, and have many years of experience in creating and running tours, workshops, volunteer programs, and safaris. We know what makes a great holiday, and will match every person with their perfect experience.
- Our photography tours are led by top photographers. Each photo tour or safari is guided by an experienced professional photographer, who is dedicated to creating the best possible experience for you by taking you to the right spots, and tutoring you at the same time.
- We respect what we photograph. We're committed to exploring and adhering to the most ethical ways of photographing new places.
- When you join one of our photography adventures, we'll plant a tree on your behalf through our partnership with Greenpop - a nonprofit restoring ancient forests and creating green spaces across Sub-Saharan Africa. You'll even receive a certificate with the GPS coordinates of your tree







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