

HILTON BATANG AI LONGHOUSE RESORT + LONGHOUSE TOUR (A)

3 Days 2 Nights



Tour code: IH/SP/3D2N HILTON BATANG AI + LH PKT

Day 1 Kuching – Hilton Batang Ai Resort (L/D)



WELCOME TO KUCHING! Our friendly Tour Director will accompany you to Hilton Batang Ai Longhouse Resort. The journey takes about 4 hours drive from Kuching City and followed by a 15-minute boat ride to reach the Resort.

Along the way, you can get an scenic view of different kinds of villages as well as passing through some of Sarawak's famous pepper farms. We also visit the local market where lots of jungle products and vegetables are sold here. En route you will have a brief stop over at small town called Serian where you can experience the busy daily wet market and witness some of the rare jungle produces brought from the deep jungle. You could do last minute shopping for the visiting gift to present to your Iban host. We have a brief lunch break at 'Lachau', a remote town where Indonesian

natives from the near by Kalimantan border town come to do barter trade without the proper documents.

Then our journey continues to the resort jetty. Upon reaching the jetty, our guide will register and lead you to embark the resort ferry. The resort comprises of 100 individually air-conditioned yet comfortable guest rooms and it was built with the unique traditional Iban motif. The rooms are well-equipped with amenities and the view of the lake is magnificent. After check in to the luxury longhouse resort, it's free at leisure. Facilities available are swimming pool, tennis court, karaoke room, pool game, bar, lounge and a restaurant where you can enjoy both Iban and western cuisines. Board games and a variety of reading materials are also available at the Guest Activities Desk. For the energetic ones, you can join the Nature Walk led by the in-house naturalist. The 2-km long jungle trekking will bring you into the unspoilt jungle nearby the resort to learn about plants and animals that enable that native to survive without modern facilities. There will a 60 meter long "canopy walk" hanging 30 meters above the ground and a 40 meter high tree platform to enable you to enjoy a good bird's eye view of the surrounding. Later in the evening, dinner is be served.

Day 02 Iban Longhouse Safari Day Trip (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we begin our trip to an Iban Longhouse located along the Lemanak River. The experience of taking the long-boat ride is simply magnificent and the trip takes approximately 45 minutes. Basically, a longhouse is a terraced street of separate rooms covered by only one roof. Each family lives in its separate room known as 'bilik' under the authority of a headman known as 'tuai rumah'. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the tuai rumah and our experience guide will bring you around the longhouse and elaborate more on the cultural and the lifestyle of the Iban community. You can see the communal activities on the veranda known as 'ruai' such as rice pounding and winnowing. Other unique handicrafts like mat weaving can also be seen here. Later, you will be served with a glass of rice wine called 'tuak' and it is encourage to drink to show our respect to our hosts. Other interesting activities to look forward are cock fighting, demonstration of blow-piping and the performance of their folk dance. Lunch will be served in the guest house. Then we return to take the long boat ride to the resort.

Day 03 Depart to Kuching (B/L)

After breakfast, it's free at leisure until check-out and depart for the return journey to Kuching. Lunch en route. After lunch, transfer to Kuching International Airport for your departure flight or check-in at city hotel in Kuching .

Price Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation at Hilton Batang Ai Longhouse Resort with breakfast.
- Guided Iban Longhouse Tour Day Trip
- 2 Lunches at local restaurant, 1 lunch at the Iban guest house & 2 dinners at the resort.
- Boat & entrance fees, airport return transfer & Transfer as stated in the itinerary.
- Experience English/Malay/ Mandarin speaking guide.

Price Excludes:

- All personal expenses like telephone bills, mini bar, laundry, medical bills, etc.
- Airfare, Airport Tax, Travel Insurance, Tipping, Optional Tour

Remarks:

- We recommend travelers to purchase travel insurance
- Every person participates in any tour or holiday organized by the company shall be regards in every respect as carrying his/her own risk with respect to loss or injury to person or property. The company does not accept responsibility for losses or expenses due to delay, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other travelers.