

Late in 2007 an STG staff reported that there were some activities going on at Semporna and rumours that a new resort is underway in one of the islands however at that time they wasn't much to report about. That island was Pom Pom. Previously not many people are aware of it's untouched beauty until today.

After almost a year in operation with various tourist arriving for the experience, popular among the Italians and Japanese who were among the privilege few as early birds. Within a year in operation, a few chalets were still underway, today with the completion of it's facilities, Sabah is proud and offer a new and

exciting diving destination spot: Pom Pom Island Resort.

From what we heard was this island was bought over and was own by a local. Eventually within time, the plan to turn this island into a resort turned into a reality a visitors has nothing but positive tones reflected back from their visits.

Situated nearby the famous Matakong resort, Pom Pom is an option for many who are visiting Sipadan. Upon arrival, you can't help but notice the clarity of it's water and the jetty. The reception hall also sports a fancy hexagonal architecture design. Consisting of 4 Water Villa

chalets offering exquisite view of the sea itself, 16 Beach villas and about 6 more smaller chalets all conveniently a stone throw away from the beach. The island itself is about an hours boat ride from Semporna Jetty itself. Each rooms are equipped with hot shower, air-conditioned unit with most things you would expect from a first class resort.

Facilities such as internet, conference, restaurants and fishing or diving equipments are available. Non-divers are open to other activities like trekking, kayaking, beach activities and more.

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Pom Pom Island Resort



Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary

The Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary is a fascinating place where visitors can observe trainers teaching orphaned or displaced Orang Utan apes to climb in their natural habitat. At this rehabilitation centre, captive animals are retrained for life in the jungle. The centre allows a close-up view of these arboreal creatures.

The best time to visit is at 10.00 am and again at 2.30 pm when the primates emerge from the forest for their daily ration of bananas and milk. You can see the orang utans being fed from a platform in the centre. Nicknamed the 'Wild Man of Borneo', the orang utans are returned to the forest when they can fend for themselves.

Aside from the orang utan, over 200 species of birds and a variety of wild plants can be found within the 5.666 hectares of forest reserve.

Key Tips

As flash photography is not allowed during feeding times, make sure you set your camera to ASA 400 or higher, as it's quite dim in the jungle.

How to get there By Bus

From the local bus stand next to the Sandakan waterfront market, board the blue bus marked 'Sepilok Batu 14' (Sepilok - 14th Mile). The 30-minute bus ride will take you directly to the rehabilitation centre. Regular buses, marked 'Batu 14' or higher, will drop you at the turn-off to Jalan Sepilok. However, you'll have to walk 1.5km to get to the Orang Utan Centre. The last bus leaves Sepilok to Sandakan at 4:30 pm.

Who to contact

For more information, please contact Sabah Tourist Office Tel: +6088-248 698 / 211 732. Alternatively you could also visit www.sabahtourism.com

Accommodation Overview

This destination is less than an hour away from the biggest town on the east coast of Sabah - Sandakan. As such, a wide range of accommodation is available, from basic backpacker's hostels to 4-star hotels.

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