

Borneo Semporna Proboscis River Cruise

For the beach-bunny couple or ardent diver, Semporna has always conjured images of white sandy shores, the glistening turquoise sea and exotic underwater adventures. But with the new Borneo Semporna Proboscis River Cruise, nature lovers can now enjoy a wilder side of this quaint paradise.

The voyage begins at 3.30pm during a 25-minute bus ride from the town centre to Kampung Tunggulungan, whereby upon arrival, visitors will have to walk along a 150-metre wooden bridge to reach the meeting point. This is where guests can get up close and personal with the mischievous long-tailed macaques by observing and feeding them with snacks such as guava and bread. Fans of the feathered species can climb atop the birdwatching tower to sight a variety of birds including hornbills and kingfishers. It is advisable to bring along a personal binocular for an enhanced three-dimensional view.

After the initial feast for the eyes, satisfy the rumbling tummy instead with a hi-tea of traditional Malay fare before embarking on an hour-long river cruise. Strap on a florescent life jacket and bask in the tranquil ambiance as the open boat journeys across the Buaya and Pegagau River. Keep alert for cheeky chimps such as the bulbous-nosed and pot-bellied proboscis monkey and charming pigtail macaque that are often seen lurking along the riverbanks. Other intriguing wildlife that are regularly sighted around the area are peculiar giant fruit bats, crocodiles and assorted types of birds.

Before proceeding to the next agenda, unwind at the restaurant as the sun gently sets in the distant. Take in the handsome sight of the surrounding wetlands while devouring a scrumptious and hearty BBQ seafood buffet. Aboard the craft once again at 7pm for a magical ride to a tropical Christmas scene and be amazed at the display of fireflies conspicuously glowing in dark. Plus, catch a glimpse of other night creatures visible under the gentle reflection of the moonlight. It is an experience that is definitely worth the while.

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