



SDK 5: Selingan Turtle Island Park

(Duration: 1 Day 1 Night)

Day 1	Sandakan – Selingan Island (Lunch & Dinner)
<p>Meet & greet from Sandakan airport or hotel lobby (town area only). Transfer to jetty for 1 hour boat journey to Selingan Island.</p> <p><i>Selingan Island is located within the Turtle Islands, which lies in the Sulu Sea some 40 kilometers north of Sandakan in Sabah, east Malaysia. It consists of 3 islands - Selingan, Bakungan Kecil and Gulisan, including the surrounding coral reefs and ocean. The Park is noted for its green turtles and hawksbill turtles which lay their eggs on the beaches of the islands. The Park covers an area of 17.4 km².</i></p> <p>Upon arrival on the island, check-in at the chalet and lunch at Selingan cafeteria. <i>The afternoon is spent free at your own leisure. You can swim or snorkel around the island or simply relax on its white sandy beach.</i></p> <p>*After 6pm, the beach is off-limit to visiting guests and the Park Rangers begin their rounds looking out for turtle landing on the beach.</p> <p>After dinner, at the signal from Park Rangers, <i>observe the process of a turtle laying eggs, the transfer of eggs to the hatchery and release of turtle hatchlings to the sea.</i></p> <p>Return to your chalets for overnight.</p>	
Day 2	Home (Breakfast)
<p>Breakfast. 0700 hours depart from Selingan island back to Sandakan and transfer back to hotel (town area only) or Sandakan airport.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End of Service.</p>	

<p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Night Chalet room at Selingan Island; • Entrance fee where is applicable; • Guide; • Activities and return land & boat transfers; • Meals as stated; • Non-Private Basis; • GST; 	<p>Excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Airfares; • Camera & Video fees where applicable; • Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages; • Travel Insurance • Tips, portage & items not stated;
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* **Monsoon Season** (Thunder Storm/Strong Winds/Rough Sea Condition/heavily rain & etc. but not every day): **November - March**

Nesting /laying egg season: Turtles come to shore throughout the year to lay their eggs. However, the peak season/hatchlings season is between **July – October**. The turtles can come as early as 7pm or as late at 3am and have also been seen nesting in the early hours of the morning between 5-6am.

When to go: July – October when the seas are calmer and the tourist peak season starts on Apr-August so please book it in advance (3-6 months before). The best time to visit however during the driest month and the calmest seas between the months of March-September.

Avoid **October-February** as this is when the islands receive the north-eastern Monsoon windstorms.