

# Cruise to the Heart of Borneo

10 days/ 9 nights Luxury Cruise

from **\$4160**  
per person twin share

Price includes all pre-paid taxes

Departs Australia: 01 Oct 09 – 20 Mar 2010

New for 2009, the brand new Orient Pandaw will make an 8 day cruise 3 times a month from Sibiu to the Pelagus Rapids and beyond up the Baleh River. The Ranjang River is rarely visited by travellers but is the longest river in Malaysia. Cruising in the serene comfort of the Pandaw, passengers will be able to visit Iban longhouses, make boat trips up the tributary rivers and explore the river towns and villages which contain colonial houses. But above all, passengers can view from the Pandaw's observation decks the rich tropical rain forest close at hand. Jungle treks for all level of walkers are a must – this is after all one of the most diverse and exotic eco paradises on the planet.

#### Itinerary:

##### Day 1: Australia - Sibiu, Malaysia

Fly from Australia to Sibiu via Kuala Lumpur. Transfer to the port and board the ship in the bustling city port set close to the local markets and temples. Free time to explore the town on foot with its attractive streets of old Chinese shop houses, redolent of Malacca or Penang but without the tourists. (D)

Accommodation: Outside Cabin, RV Orient Pandaw (8 nights)

##### Day 2: Kanowit

Cast off at dawn and proceed up the mighty Rajang. Morning stop to visit rattan workshops. Here the river is still wide and full of shipping. At the river station of Kanowit visit the Brooke Raj Fort Emma, of wooden construction and amazingly surviving intact after 150 years. Explore deeper inland by long boat up the Kanowit River and voluntary jungle trek back to the Pandaw moored at Kanowit. (B,L,D)

##### Day 3: Kapit

The upriver capital has an even more interesting Brooke Raj fort called Fort Sylvia with the adjacent tattoo museum showing traditional Iban designs and techniques. We make further explorations to visit an original Iban longhouse, a rare sight as most have been rebuilt in a modern style. (B,L,D)

##### Day 4: The Baleh River

Just above Kapit turn up the main tributary of the Rajang, the Batang Baleh navigable for the Pandaw for another day's sail. Along the river we see a number of logging camps and fine new long houses. Logging is strictly controlled by the Sarawak government, who have a strict replanting programme. Visit a logging camp and stop overnight at Nagamujong village with its long house, school, clinic and church. See loading points for coal coming from mines deep in the jungle. (B,L,D)

##### Day 5: Pelagus Rapids

Return down the Baleh to rejoin the Rajang and proceed another 40km towards the Pelagus Rapids. This section of the river is incredibly beautiful with thousands of islands, reefs and shoals. Navigation here can be difficult depending on water levels and it may be necessary to transfer to long boats to continue the journey. At Pelagus make a short trek to the Pelagus Resort Hotel for afternoon tea and stupendous views of the rapids. (B,L,D)

##### Day 6: Pelagus and Beyond

Further opportunity to trek in and around the Pelagus Resort in this primary rain forest so rich in fauna and flora. After lunch return downstream past Kapit. (B,L,D)

##### Day 7: Song

Song is a small river station between Kanowit and Kapit. Stop to make a boat trip up the Katibas river to visit long houses and the opportunity to trek part of the way back to Song. Continue downstream through the evening. (B,L,D)



#### Add-ons

from \$65 per person per night

##### Add on a stopover in Kota Kinabalu

from \$50 per person for 1 night  
including flight Sibiu to Kota Kinabalu  
Additional nights at \$50 per person per night.

Or

##### Add on a stopover in Kuching

from \$60 per person per night  
including flight Sibiu to Kuching  
Additional nights at \$60 per person per night.

Peak Season surcharges apply, please check with us for details.

Prices per person twin share ex Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide		
Departs	Main Deck	Upper Deck
01, 10, 20 Oct; 01, 10, 20 Nov; 20 Dec 2009		
01, 20 Jan; 01, 10, 20 Feb; 01, 10, 20 Mar 2010	\$4160	\$4470

Price includes all pre-paid taxes

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#### Price Includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Australia to Sibiu via Kuala Lumpur and Kota Kinabalu with Malaysian Airlines.
- Accommodation, tours and meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- 8 nights – Cruise into the Heart of Borneo with Pandaw Cruises on "Orient Pandaw" roundtrip from Sibiu in the cabin of choice including all meals, gratuities and return transfers from the airport.
- Airport taxes. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.

#### Note:

- Departures ex Sydney and Brisbane depart one day earlier.
- Departures ex Adelaide depart two days earlier.
- Additional night's accommodation may be required due to flight schedules and these are not included.
- Single prices available on application. Ask about our companion register.
- Airfares are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- Prices are correct at time of print but are subject to availability, currency fluctuations and surcharges and are only guaranteed when paid in full.

#### Day 8: Sarikei and Thanjung Manis

Enter the Rajang delta area with its rich agricultural life. At Sarikei visit a deer farm and pepper plantations. On the coast Thanjung Manis is the main seaport and gateway to the Rajang. A short drive away, village workshops specialise in songkat weaving. Return upstream stopping overnight at Bintangor. (B,L,D)

#### Day 9: Sibiu – Australia

Dock in Sibiu early morning and disembark. Transfer to Sibiu Airport for onward flights. Fly from Sibiu to Australia via Kuala Lumpur. (B)

#### Day 10: Arrive Australia



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